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Celtic culture comes to town - see pictures on page 8.

Support worker plans marathon run to help Barnardo's

SARAH Rowe is busy training for her first London Marathon and she's never short of motivation – because it surrounds her every day she goes to work.

Sarah is manager of the Bridgend Disability Support service which helps children and young people up to the age of 25 develop the skills and confidence to get involved with local sports and leisure activities, and she has seen the life-changing impact it has on many of them.

The service is run by Barnardo's Cymru and Sarah will be running the marathon on behalf of the children's charity where she has worked for the last three years.

The young people have a wide range of disabilities, from the physical to autism. Many had no social life in the past or were only able to attend a limited number of activities specifically for the disabled.

In the last three years, Sarah and her team have worked with them, so they can join their local sports clubs and Scout groups without feeling out of place.

The service is funded by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) as part of their Families First programme. "I work with the most amazing children and young people, but many of them had no friends in the past and were not able to socialise. Now we have them playing football, performing in an orchestra, all the sorts of things other children take for granted," said Sarah.

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Porthcawl Girl Guides are closing in on ambitious fundraising target

Porthcawl Guides at one of their meeting places in Porthcawl.

GIRL Guides in Porthcawl are in the middle of an ambitious fundraising campaign to refurbish their main Guide hall in South Road, where they have been based since 1928.

However, total refurbishment costs are a daunting total of £256,000 – although the Guides can move back into the building before that target is hit.

The land on which Porthcawl Guide hall sits was gifted to Girlguiding around 1928 by Mrs Blundell of Nottage Court.

It has been an integral part of Porthcawl for the last 90 years, during which time the Guides have flourished.

They are a registered charity (no 515839) and have three Rainbow units (age five to seven), four Brownie units (seven to 10), and three Guide units (10 to 14).

There is also a senior section for girls aged 14 to 24.

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Bridgend College is nominated for Student Choice award

BRIDGEND College has been shortlisted for 'FE College of the Year' at the WhatUni 'Student Choice' Awards again.

Last year, the college took the same award and is the only college in Wales to be nominated this year. It will be against some outstanding competition from FE colleges from around the UK.

A college spokesperson said: "WhatUni is the most comprehensive course comparison site in the UK and guides potential students from their initial research to deciding their final choices. Over the last year, the team collected more than 36,000 student reviews by conducting campus visits and collating information from social media posts and mail shots.

"The award is an annual celebration of student satisfaction in higher education and is completely student led."

Principal Simon Pirotte said: "We are passionate about our learners and staff – we ensure that everyone who walks into our college has the best experience possible."

Young horse riders are helped by Lions' donation

BRIDGEND Lions' president Tony Gates, accompanied by fellow Lions, presented a cheque for £500 to the head coach of Bridgend County Riding For the Disabled Association, Emma Thomas on March 8.

The children from Cefn Cribwr Primary School were accompanied by coaches Joan Lean and Elaine Pare.

The well-behaved horses posed quietly for a photograph with their young riders and the Lions enjoyed this special visit immensely.

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Opening up St Theodore's for the future

WORK is under way to transform the interior of St Theodore's, the parish church of Kenfig Hill, which will give the building flexibility to host a variety of community events and activities.

The improvements will include a new underfloor heating system, floor, storage, enhanced lighting scheme, sound system and kitchen.

The old pews, which were uncomfortable and very difficult to move, are being replaced with chairs that both enhance the appearance of this unique and beautiful building and will increase its range of uses.

The parish of Kenfig Hill has been fortunate in securing a number of grants, as well as using its own resources, to fund the project.

However, the church is giving individuals and organisations the opportunity to sponsor a chair – a practical way to help the parish. A chair may be sponsored for £150, and can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion; however, the parish would be very grateful for donations of any size.

To find out how to sponsor a chair, contact Heulwen Strathearn on 01656 648272 or email: handpstrathearn@btinternet.com.

Until the refurbishment has been completed, services are being held in Mynydd Cynffig Primary School at the Infants site, off Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill.

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Latest Dwr Cymru sewer improvement scheme on show

WELSH Water recently invited Ogmore MP Chris Elmore and AM Huw Irranca-Davies to see the latest sewer upgrade work in Ogmore Vale.

The water company has spent £3.3 million to improve the performance of the wastewater network, especially in stormy weather. By increasing the capacity on the system it will reduce the risk of flooding and pollution entering the River Ogmore.

The work began at the start of the year and involved laying a new sewer along the cycle track between Ogmore Vale and Lewistown.

Huw Irranca-Davies AM commented: "A very impressive investment in the wastewater networks from Dwr Cymru, still the only not-for-profit water company in England and Wales."

Welsh Water's project manager, Paul Dwyer said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Elmore and Mr Irranca-Davies to the site so that we could show how we reinvest the profits for the benefit of our customers and the environment.

"We're very aware of the potential disruption that work such as this may cause, especially when working on the cycle track. We have carefully planned the scheme to help minimise the disruption and have worked closely with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to achieve this."

Work on the new sewer is anticipated to be complete in the autumn and the work will not affect the wastewater service to local people and businesses.

Stroke club hears tales of life in the Met

AT a recent meeting of Porthcawl Stroke Club, Mr David Richards, a member of the Porthcawl Lions Club, gave us an insight into his time working for the Metropolitan Police force in London from 1959 to 1989.

David was a young man from Nantymoel who rose to a senior position by working hard through the ranks.

He told us tales of Soho, the miners' strike, and of his time training recruits at Hendon. He was involved with the organisational safety procedures for the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana, and also Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.

David was awarded the MBE by HM the Queen.

The presentation was very interesting and informative, and funny at times, especially when he changed into his police uniform. However, you can imagine how the miners' strike went down with his Dad and uncles, who were miners. There must have been some heated debates at home.

David has been a regular supporter of the Porthcawl Stroke Club and has brightened up our days on several occasions, by giving talks and playing the piano, which he plays brilliantly.

The members would like to express their gratitude to David for giving his time freely and making his visit enjoyable.

Anyone wishing to join us should telephone Mr and Mrs Duggan on 01656 773376

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Sarah's marathon attempt to help Barnardo's Cymru

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Sarah continued: "Some of our older ones who were previously home educated have gone on to college and have found work because we have helped them realise that they can do anything they want. Each day we support families to take small steps in achieving what may initially appear impossible.

"Having seen the results, I could think of no better way of giving something back than taking on this challenge of a lifetime. I am lucky to be in a position where I see the true impact of the funds raised for Barnardo's," she added.

Sarah, 27, originally from Cardiff and now living in Tonyrefail, has always been sporty and played for and coached Cardiff City Ladies before going to university. Her father Dave got her into long distance running and although she has run a number of 10Ks and half marathons, London will be her first full marathon.

"I'm doing lots of yoga and strength training alongside my running and I'm determined to enjoy every minute of the event." she said.

She has already raised almost £1,900 with a Zumbathon organised by one of the service's parents; plus raffles, a quiz night and coffee morning. Anyone who would like to help her reach her target of £2.500 can donate at www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Rowe25.

A Lenten lunch at St Illtyd's Church

A LENTEN lunch will take place in St Illtyd's Church, Newcastle, Bridgend on Saturday, March 23 from midday onwards.

Parish priest Father David Lloyd said: "Whether parishioner or churchgoer, or not, all are invited to a convivial get-together with delicious soup made by some of the lovely ladies of the parish – and who knows, possibly even some of the men – as well as cheese, bread, and coffee and tea.

"Tickets are £5, and proceeds will be given to Ty Ffrindiau. So come along, make some new friends or meet old ones, and support a good cause while eating good food."

For further information, search on Facebook for @saintilltydbridgend or telephone 01656 655999.

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Bridgend PACT meetings

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON and MERTHYR MAWR PACT will be held at Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston, on Thursday, March 14 at 12 noon.

PORTHCAWL WEST CENTRAL PACT will be held at Trinity Church on Thursday, March 14 at 7pm. BRACKLA PACT will be held at the Community Centre, Whitethorn Drive, Brackla, on Thursday, March 28 at 6.30pm.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	11.14	8.2	23.42	8.0
15 Fri	N/A	N/A	12.24	7.9
16 Sat	01.04	7.8	13.59	7.6
17 Sun	02.42	7.9	15.27	8.1
18 Mon	03.58	8.5	16.34	8.8
19 Tues	04.58	9.4	17.31	9.7
20 Wed	05.53	10.1	18.19	10.4
21 Thurs	06.41	10.6	18.59	10.7

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College students return to RHS Flower Show

A TEAM of six second year Higher National Diploma students of all ages and backgrounds studying Horticulture, Landscaping and Garden Design at Bridgend College will be creating a tribute to the iconic Welsh landmark and cultural legend, 'The Green Lady of Caerphilly' at the RHS Flower Show Cardiff (April 12-14).

Students Morgan Rhys Rowlands, Andrew Yearsley, Caroline Evans, Anthony Davies and Phil Turner will compete at this year's show.

Together with fellow students Jack Jones (19), Morgan Rhys Rowlands (23), Anthony Davies (26), Caroline Evans (44) and Andrew Yearsley (54), Phil Turner (47) will bring his design to life, recreating the mystical character believed to haunt the ramparts of Caerphilly Castle.

With an eerie atmosphere, the Green Lady will wear a dress of foliage as she hovers beside the castle surrounded by a mass of green planting.

Designer and student Phil Turner said: "I live in Caerphilly and see the amazing Caerphilly Castle every day. I've always thought we don't appreciate what's on our doorstep, so I thought that by using the story of the Green Lady in my design, I could promote my town and also fit in with the RHS theme, 'Year of Discovery', specifically with adventure and culture.

"Being horticultural students, we are taught to employ organic principles and sustainable practices so my design is very much plant based and everything will be returned to the college and used again on future show features and garden displays.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for us to put what we've studied over the past two years into practice."

For the first time at the show, first year students at the college will also have a chance to design and build their own feature. Taking part in the show's new 'Blossoming Beds' competition, Bridgend College's team will go head to head with other community groups to create a colourful bed that highlights the health benefits of horticulture.

Crematorium makes charitable donation

THE sum of £7,000, raised by recycling metals that are collected from cremations at Coychurch Crematorium has been donated to a charity that helps families affected by the death of a baby.

Coychurch Crematorium presented a cheque for £7,000 to its nominated charity 'SANDS'.

Any recovered metals such as items used in the construction of the coffin and orthopaedic implants including hip and knee joints are recycled, with relatives' consent, as the crematorium takes part in the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's (ICCM) national recycling scheme.

The Coychurch Crematorium joint committee has donated its current share of money raised by the scheme to SANDS, a stillbirth and neonatal death charity which aims to improve support for bereaved parents and promote research.

The crematorium has been involved in the scheme since 2005 and has previously donated thousands to other charities, including breast cancer care.

Fundraising drive to help Girl Guides

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In total, around 250 are regulars at Girl Guide activities.

Their next fundraising event is on March 23 at the Hi-Tide Inn, featuring two tribute acts – to Ed Sheeran and to Adele.

Guide Leader Donna Jacka said: "We would love to use the Guide hall much more, especially for weekend sleepovers and other events, but it is now very tired and in need of considerable refurbishment.

"This work includes: adding a disabled toilet and wet room; a new kitchen; replacing the roof; replacement doors; fitting out the attic space for storage; as well as various other jobs to renovate and modernise the building. The total cost of the renovation is £256,000.

"We are hoping that with the support of Porthcawl townspeople and local businesses we can save the Guide hall for at least the next 90 years. This will help ensure that future generations of girls in Porthcawl will have a safe place to build fond memories and lasting friendships.

"To date we have received substantial donations from Porthcawl Co-op, Rockwool PLC, Porthcawl Town Council and the Christmas Swim committee.

"Many more have assisted and all the money raised so far has been spent on necessary repairs. To finish the building totally will take £30,000, but £20,000 would be sufficient for the hall to be opened."

Tickets for the next fundraising evening, in the Hi-Tide Inn, Mackworth Road, on Saturday, March 23, are available from the Hi-Tide, or from Donna Jacka on 07842 321380.

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Soroptimists brave the weather!

BRIDGEND Soroptimists marked International Women's Day with a brisk walk on the seafront at Porthcawl on March 9.

The group of ladies from the Bridgend club braved gale force winds and threatening rain to walk the seafront from Coney Beach to Rest Bay.

They welcomed refreshments at The Atlantic Hotel after the walk.

For further information about Soroptimist activities in the area, visit Facebook BridgendSoroptimists or see sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district.

Soroptimists walked to celebrate International Women's Day at Porthcawl.

Stroke club celebrates 30 years in Pyle

MEMBERS of the Pyle and District Stroke Club are celebrating 30 years of support for people in the area who've experienced stroke.

The group, which meets fortnightly, is run by volunteers and helps those who are finding it difficult to adjust to life after stroke, and their families.

One member is 76-year-old Euryl Brookes from North Cornelly, who has been a carer for her husband Allan since he had a stroke in 2015.

She said: "Allan found it really useful to meet others who'd also had a stroke and knew what he was going through. The group also helped me, giving me the chance to meet other carers and get some respite from my caring duties while Allan takes part in group activities and so on.

"We always have a good chat at the group, and often enjoy a quiz, meals out and sometimes we're entertained by some interesting guest speakers."

There are around 68,000 stroke survivors in Wales. Almost two thirds have a disability and one third rely on others for help, making stroke one of the biggest causes of disability. The Pyle and District club couldn't provide such support without the work of volunteers, including chairman 87-year-old Kenneth Williams, who joined after a family member had a stroke.

He said: "We're always open for new members from across Bridgend county to come along, and we're also looking for more volunteers to support local people affected by stroke."

The club meets every other Monday between 10.30am and 12.30pm at the Cwrt Anghorfa Sheltered Housing in Pyle. For more information about the group and other support offered by the Stroke Association, visit www.stroke.org.uk/finding-support/pyle-and-district-stroke-club or contact info.cymru@stroke.org.uk or call Kenneth Williams on 01656 740629.

Sporting clubs benefit from Community Chest

THE Bridgend YMCA has been awarded the maximum Community Chest grant to help them train more volunteers and offer more activities to boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing.

The YMCA will be using the grant to provide welcoming and safe sports sessions for children who are suffering from anxiety, as well as those who have been diagnosed with autism.

The centre will also use the grant to target local people aged 18 or over who are not in employment, education or training so that they can be trained up to become involved with the centre's voluntary opportunities through their 'Y Give Time Project'.

The Community Chest grant scheme is a Sport Wales-funded initiative that is run locally by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), with applications considered by a panel of volunteers. Grants of up to £1,500 are available.

In the latest round of grants, five clubs and organisations have shared over £7,000 between them, with Llangynwyd Rangers Boys' and Girls' FC also receiving the maximum award.

Another club set to benefit from the Community Chest scheme is Porthcawl Cricket Club who will spend their grant on setting up a new girls-only under-9s team; on expanding opportunities for teenagers to play T20 cricket at under-17 and under-19 level and training more coaches and parent volunteers.

Penybont Gymnastics Club have also received a grant to pay for coaching courses, while Cefn Cribwr Athletic RFC have been awarded funding to put on junior rugby sessions for their youngest players.

For more information about the Community Chest scheme visit the Sports Wales website or contact Andrew Jones at BCBC on 01656 642745 or andrew.jones2@bridgend.gov.uk.

'Regeneration in Porthcawl: let youth have their say'

IT is clear to our society that the proposed Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) regeneration plan for Porthcawl has met with little or no support from residents.

While it is claimed that some form of consultation is taking place, it is not clear what form this is taking.

It is still the view of the Porthcawl Civic Trust that BCBC needs to call a town meeting so that residents have a genuine opportunity to express their views. However, it is unlikely that BCBC will agree to this proposal as they will be fully aware that such a form of consultation will result in widespread objections to the plan that has been put forward.

Meanwhile, it is important that the youth of the town have their say. In the long term, they are the ones who will benefit from regeneration or, more likely as things stand, will have to suffer the consequences.

The Porthcawl Civic Trust has already had one meeting with youth groups and a second meeting is planned. If any youth groups would like to be included in this consultation exercise will they please email porthawlcivictrust@hotmail.co.uk in order to register their interest..

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Care sector chief warns of looming recruitment crisis

INCREASING the pay of social care workers in Bridgend and the Vale is vital to help solve the recruitment crisis in the sector, the chair of Care Forum Wales has said.

The plea from Mario Kreft comes after a campaign was launched to attract another 20,000 social care workers in Wales over the next 10 years. Mr Kreft said the problem was that the funding formulae of local councils and health boards were predicated on paying low wages to staff and that must change.

He has welcomed the 'WeCare.Wales' campaign which was unveiled by Social Care Wales and other care sector organisations, but warned more money was needed to provide "decent wages". The number of elderly people over the age of 80 is predicted to increase by 44 per cent in Wales by 2030. There are around 113,000 people in the social care sector, but more are needed to cope with increasing need.

Mr Kreft says a proposed social care tax would not provide the complete answer. He explained: "We are aware that some care workers in Bridgend and the Vale, like other areas in Wales, are low paid. To its great credit Welsh Government has recently recognised social care as one of the four foundations of the economy, one which pumps £2.2 billion per year into the Welsh economy.

"Social care workers in Wales deserve a better deal. The deal they've got is not good enough to sustain the numbers that we're going to need in the future. Local authorities and health boards in Wales actually predicate that more than half of the staff in a care home are on the National Living Wage.

"When you get a qualified highly-skilled care practitioner, they have to be able to sustain a standard of living commensurate with the level of responsibility they have. These are people who have been overlooked."

Sue Evans, the chief executive of Social Care Wales, said: "In Wales, around 90,000 people work in social care, while 23,000 work in early years and childcare. However, we still need more people if we are going to meet the needs and expectations of society over the next 10 years.

"The 'WeCare' campaign has been developed to attract the right people to support some of the most vulnerable members in our communities or help inspire the next generation."

A Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) spokesperson said: "As both a provider and commissioner of care services, we are committed to having a skilled, qualified and valued workforce. We are actively working with Social Care Wales and other partners on a strategy to meet the challenges that the sector is facing."

A Welsh Government spokeswoman said it was committed to raising the status and profile of social care so it was seen as a positive career choice.

She said: "We have already taken steps to support the sustainability of the workforce. We recognise pressures the sector faces in Wales and are providing an additional £50 million in 2019-20 to help meet the growing demand for care and support services, £30 million of which will focus on workforce pressures and the wider sustainability of services." **TC**

Woman ate cannabis after trying to take it into prison

A mother of two who took cannabis into Bridgend's Parc Prison for her ex-partner swallowed a £10 bag of the drug, *writes AJ SICLUNA*.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that 42-year-old Josie Hulme was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital after being arrested and detained for two days, but no trace of the cannabis was found.

Hulme, of Briton Ferry, was jailed for 14 weeks after pleading guilty to taking a prohibited item into the prison.

She was told by Judge Timothy Potts: "Drugs in prison spread addiction and misery."

Prosecutor Christopher Rees said that prison officers received intelligence that an inmate might be bringing in drugs.

When she arrived, a drugs dog detected the cannabis and she was detained. She agreed to be searched and repeatedly put her hands inside her underwear before refusing to be strip searched.

She then said she had had cannabis but had eaten it.

In hospital she was X-rayed but no trace of the drug was found.

She was said to have previous convictions for 60 offences including possessing heroin with the intent to supply.

Her counsel, Robin Rouch, said she had used heroin since the age of 17 but had stopped.

He said the immediate future for her family would be difficult as she recognised it had to be a prison sentence.

Register now to avoid garden waste collection price increase

ANY gardeners in Bridgend county borough who sign up for this year's garden waste recycling collections before Monday, April 1, will receive the seasonal service at a discounted rate.

Offered by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in partnership with Kier, the service makes it possible to recycle garden waste including plants, flowers, weeds, grass, leaves and hedge clippings.

This year's collections begin on Monday, March 18, and will continue throughout the main growing season up until Friday, November 15. Residents who register before April 1 will pay the early bird price of £28 per household, while the fee is £24 for residents aged 60 and over.

From Monday, April 1, the general fee will rise to £38.30 and the discounted fee will increase to £34.30.

BCBC says that the proposed price increase received support from local residents in last autumn's budget consultation.

Of the 2,349 people who answered the question relating to garden waste recycling charges, 69 per cent said that they would be happy to pay more for the service, with 31 per cent of respondents agreeing that they would be willing to pay £38.30 for the service as it would create an additional £50,000 annually which could be spent by the council on other frontline services.

The budget consultation also found that 72 per cent of respondents were happy to pay more for bulky waste collections in order to increase revenue for other services. As a result, from April 1 onwards, it will cost £20 for the collection of three items (a rise of £5 from the current charge of £15) and it will cost £5.20 per every additional item (a 20p rise from the current charge of £5). The increase in bulky waste collection charges will generate an additional £20,000 annually to be spent on other council services.

The most convenient way for households to register for garden waste recycling collections, or to book bulky waste collections, is online at bridgend.kier.co.uk.

Fifty of the online applicants for garden waste collections will be selected at random to receive a free service for 2019. Alternatively, residents can register and pay over the phone by calling 01656 643643 (option 2).

Cllr Hywel Williams, BCBC's Deputy Leader, said: "We are often asked why residents have to pay for the garden waste recycling scheme. Because not all homes in the county borough have gardens, we believe it is fairer to make it an optional service so that only the homes that want to receive the collections can choose to pay for them.

"Our budget consultation laid out the difficult financial decisions that we are faced with due to austerity. While we don't want our residents to have to pay more for any services, the majority of respondents to the survey agreed that they would be willing to pay more for garden waste and bulky waste collections if it means that more money will be available to be spent on other important council services such as home care for our ageing population."

Once payment for the garden waste collections is confirmed, households will be supplied with two reusable bags together with details of when their bags will be collected. Any returning customers who indicate that they don't need any new bags will just be sent a calendar showing when their collections will be made.

The subscription fee covers the collection of two garden waste bags – any households who would like to be able to put out more garden waste bags each fortnight have the option of paying an additional £5 per extra bag.

All of the garden waste collected in the county borough is taken to local firm Cowbridge Compost and turned into a compost fertiliser. Around 4,250 homes signed up for the collections in 2018, resulting in more than 650 tonnes of garden waste being recycled instead of ending up in landfill.

Miss De-Vyliers aims to be a 'force in fashion'

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OUR mission is to provide stylish clothing at affordable prices for all women, says founder Louise De-Vyliers.

Miss De-Vyliers offers excellent value for money, top quality materials and superb outfits, and will be showing a selection at a show on March 21 (see advert below).

Louise said: "Before launching my life's dream, my own boutique, I had a varied range of experiences and in December 2017 Miss De-Vyliers was finally born.

"Our first shop in Pontyclun has transformed the lives of many and livened up the high street.

"We are community driven, providing employment for local talent and supporting local charities, especially 'Bosom Pals' who we are supporting at our next show.

"We sell a wide range of chic clothing and jewellery offering excellent style and value for money.

"We will be offering our own range of designs including ethically sourced clothing and are committed to ongoing green projects and innovative products; this includes partnering with the local university to ensure the best of South Wales fashion talent is captured.

"Our approach is people-centric and collaborative.

"We are building our brand to become a UK-wide force in fashion with at least 10 shops and our fantastic on-line service.

"We are always looking for great people whether to join us in our expansion programme or sell our products.

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Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers

A NAFAS demonstrator and winner of Chelsea Flower Show, Elizabeth Gordon, attended the last meeting of Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers.

A delighted Lyn Read, club treasurer, won a fabulous spring arrangement. The members were in awe of Elizabeth's knowledge of plant material and mechanics, and she inspired the club with her knowledge and humour. The evening was enjoyed by a host of members and guests who filled the Lesser Hall, making it a memorable evening.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 3 starting at 7.30pm, in the Lesser Hall. New members are always welcome. **JMS**

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More patrols in Maesteg in order to combat anti-social behaviour

FOLLOWING recent anti-social behaviour incidents in Maesteg town centre, three boys have been spoken to by police officers.

An operation to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town centre is now under way. It includes an increase in high-visibility patrols. Local Policing Inspector Mark Simmonds said: "Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and I want to reassure residents that we are working closely with partners to clamp down on anyone intent on causing trouble in the area. Residents are urged to continue reporting any incidents to us via 101."

Not just for boys in Bridgend

AN event in Bridgend on March 5 showed that careers in engineering, science, technology, maths and the digital sector are not just for boys.

Gender equality charity, Chwarae Teg and Bridgend College partnered with Zimmer Biomet to present the Not Just for Boys event. Girls from Ysgol Brynteg School, Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen and Bryntirion Comprehensive School Ysgol Brynteg were at the event to find out more about different career options in the STEM sectors.

In the recent Bright. report carried out by Chwarae Teg exploring young women's career aspirations, 87 per cent of the survey participants felt that gender stereotypes continued to affect young women's careers. Women are still favouring traditionally female dominated sectors, despite the need for more women in sectors such as manufacturing which can offer higher salaries. Zimmer Biomet is one of Bridgend's largest employers and passionate about innovation and technologies, specialising in the design and manufacture of orthopaedic implants such as knees, and hips.

Exhibitors at the event, which coincided with National Careers Week, included Dwr Cymru, TATA Steel, Network Rail, Willmott Dixon, Dow Corning, British Science Association, Technocamps and Bridgend College. One of the girls attending the event, Kayla Stephenson from Bryntirion School said: "I've really enjoyed being here today. I've learned a lot about the different types of jobs that there are, and it's made me think a bit about what I want to do when I leave school."

Emma Tamplin from Chwarae Teg said: "Chwarae Teg wants to give girls the opportunity to consider careers that might not be traditionally thought of as options for women, and we're delighted to be working with a high profile, global company like Zimmer Biomet to spread this message. Not Just for Boys gives girls a chance to meet role models from the different sectors and to try their hands at new skills.

"Current surveys indicate that only 11 per cent of the UK's engineering workforce is female and that the UK has the lowest percentage of female engineering professionals in Europe. Zimmer Biomet is a really important local employer, and holding this event with them has given us the opportunity to show girls that they too can aspire to a career in engineering or other non-traditional sectors."

Joanne Rooker, senior HR manager, Operations from Zimmer Biomet said: "We're really excited to have been able to host Not Just for Boys in partnership with Chwarae Teg and Bridgend College. It was a fantastic event with some amazing people and organisations taking part on the day. In an industry such as ours we need to attract a skilled workforce and encouraging girls to study and qualify in relevant subjects is a key part of that. We're happy to be able to play our part in inspiring young women from the local area to achieve their dreams and prosper in their careers."

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Kayla Stephenson of Bryntirion School with Sophie Page of Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water.

An honour for Maesteg Rotary club stalwart

AT the Maesteg Rotary Club meeting in the Cross Inn, Maesteg, David Brown, a former member who completed over 40 years service with the club, was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and lapel badge in appreciation of the very hard work he did for the club, and also for the community of Maesteg.

At the same time he was installed as an honorary member of the club.

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Do you have a spare room for a homeless young person?

ADVERTORIAL

CAN you provide a supportive home for a homeless young person? Llamau's Supported Lodgings Scheme is looking for host providers in Bridgend to provide one-to-one support, in a home environment, for young people.

The scheme supports young people aged 16-25 who may be leaving care or who are not able to live at home.

A Llamau spokesperson said: "The young person is provided with a room of their own in a private home, where they become a member of the household. Young people are placed with carefully chosen host providers who are given guidance by Llamau on how best to support the young person.

"All you need is a spare room and a willingness to help young people. It does not matter whether you live in a house or flat, are married or single, working or unemployed. You do not need any special qualifications to be a Supported Lodgings host provider and our current host providers come from a variety of backgrounds.

"Young people supported by the scheme have a variety of cultural backgrounds, so it is important that Llamau is able to offer each young person the most appropriate home for them.

"As a Supported Lodgings provider, you will be expected to support the young person living with you, to gain the skills and confidence they need to become an independent young adult, and to eventually move into and manage their own home.

"All young people supported by the Supported Lodgings Scheme are currently in training, college or employment, or will become closer to achieving this because of support and encouragement from the host provider.

"In return, you will receive a weekly payment of up to £120 per week, paid directly by Llamau. In addition to this, the young person living with you will contribute £20 per week towards living costs and utilities.

"The end date of the placement will be agreed in advance between Llamau and the host provider. Placements can last anything between two months to two years, with the aim being that, at the end of the placement, the young person feels confident enough to live independently."

If you are interested in becoming a Supported Lodgings host provider, call Llamau on 01656 782904 during office hours for an informal chat, or email enquiries@llamau.org.uk.

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‘Helping hands’ when people need them most

1st Glamorgan Baden Powell Beavers from Laleston are thanked by Urology Consultant Andrew Thomas for ‘helping hands’ collage for the diagnostic unit. Image by Phil Davies.

THE 1st Glamorgan Baden Powell Beavers, who are based in Laleston, recently presented a picture to the urology diagnostic unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

As part of their badge work, the Beavers wanted to do something for the community. After some thought, they decided to give something to the urology unit where Beaver Master Tiffany Ashcroft-Morgan works.

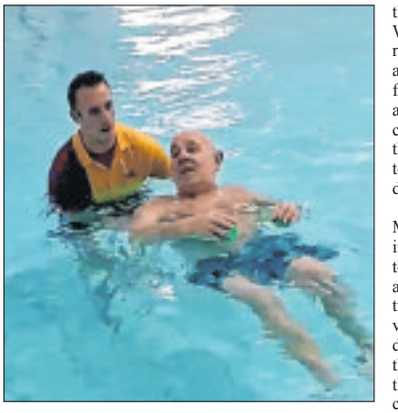
Tiffany told Sister Gaynor Newton on the unit: “Going to hospital can be a very scary time, so if we can just make one patient smile when they see the picture, we will have done our job.”

The hands were made by each Beaver and represent helping hands, supporting patients who are going through a traumatic time. The Beavers have been working towards the citizenship award and this artwork completed the project.

Big Lottery grant will make leisure centres more dementia friendly

HALO Leisure has been awarded £58,858 by The National Lottery Community Fund (formerly known as The Big Lottery Fund).

The social enterprise and charity organisation will use the grant to offer physical activity sessions including swimming and social sessions for people living with dementia and their carers in the Bridgend area, over the next three years.



Halo Leisure active community coordinator, Ryan Statton said: “Halo Leisure is delighted with the support they are getting from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) as well as partners including Alzheimer’s Society, Awen and the Local Health Board.

“We are delighted to receive this award from The National Lottery Community Fund. We have been running dementia-friendly swimming sessions in our pool in Bridgend Life Centre since January 2018.

“This funding will let us support even more local people with dementia and their carers to get physically active, and not just in the pool or sports hall. We can also offer a range of other activities after each swim session: from scrapbooking and memorabilia collecting, to meeting therapy dogs, listening to visiting singers and decorating cupcakes.

“Starting with Maesteg Sports Centre in May, we will be able to offer more activities at more centres; we will train more staff and volunteers to understand dementia and the role they can have in making the visit to the Halo centre comfortable and welcoming.

“We have found that the carers benefit as much as the person with dementia. The cup of tea and natter in the cafe after the session is just as important as what happens in the pool or the sports-hall.”

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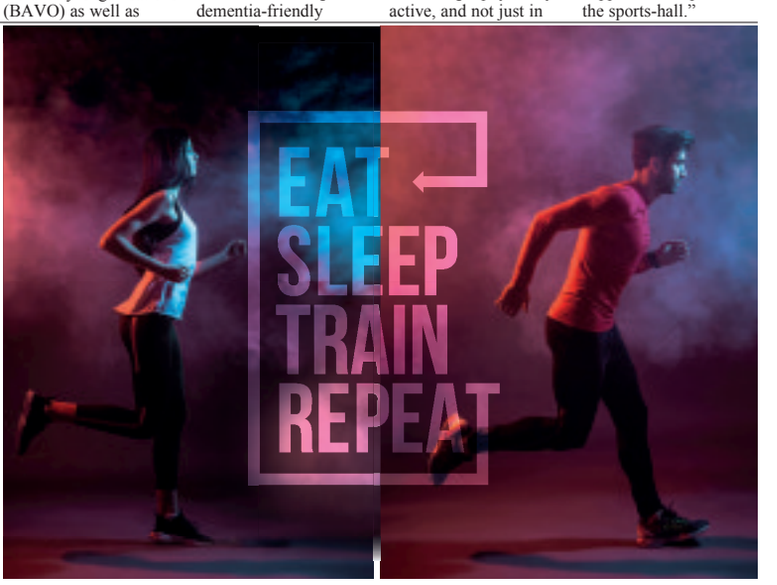

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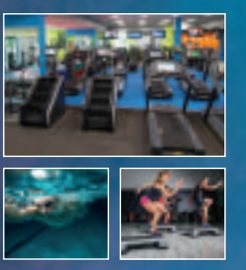

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Celtic culture comes to town

CWLWM Celtaidd is one of Porthcawl's welcome annual events, when fans of Celtic music and dance from Britain, Ireland and Europe come along to share their love of the culture.

This year, events took place in the Hi Tide Inn, but the Celtic bands and dance groups, as usual, took the streets of the town to show passers by what the festival was all about.

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The new Bridgend Smart Energy Plan was presented by BCBC and the Energy Systems Catapult at an energy conference held last month in the Coed Y Mwstwr Hotel.

Council says that 'Smart Energy Plan' could help meet future carbon targets

CABINET Members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have approved a new Smart Energy Plan which explains how the county borough can grow into a low carbon innovation zone to meet UK de-carbonisation targets by 2050.

Bridgend county borough is one of only three local authority areas that have been chosen by the UK Government to develop low carbon energy schemes which could then be replicated elsewhere across the country.

Projects that are already under development locally include a heat network connecting homes and public buildings in Bridgend and the Caerau Minewater scheme, which involves using underground water as a heat source to warm homes in the Llynfi Valley.

BCBC is not putting any of its own funds towards the potential schemes. It is using various forms of grant funding for any costs incurred and is concentrating on attracting private and public sector investment.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "I can't overstate how proud and excited we are to be taking the lead in developing these energy projects. We are the first local authority in Wales to develop such an energy strategy, which we intend to act as a catalyst for Bridgend county borough to grow into a low carbon innovation zone.

"The initial focus is on decarbonising domestic heating by moving away from using fossil fuels. There isn't a one-size-fits-all solution for all homes, but I am very enthused by our early discussions around the potential options for renewable energy generation and the use of a wide range of technologies.

"We are already making progress. For example, we have been working with the Energy Systems Catapult in trialling a type of advanced home energy management control that could support the design of more appealing low carbon heating solutions for consumers."

The Bridgend Smart Energy Plan was discussed at an energy conference hosted by BCBC last month which gathered together stakeholders including the Welsh Government, Wales and West Utilities and Western Power Distribution.

Cllr Young added: "Partnership working will be at the heart of all the energy projects that are in the pipeline, so it was great to get representatives from so many different potential stakeholders to discuss how we go about delivering them."

Bridgend Quiz League news

HERE are the latest results and teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League for March 15:

Five Bells A 42, Mackworth Arms 44; Penybont AFC Nomads 52, Crown Maesteg 47; Tondu Railway Club 49, Laleston Inn A 39; Oddfellows Arms, No match Prince of Wales Coychurch 2 Pts; Laleston Inn B 44, Pheasant Gamekeepers 58; Six Bells Clangers 49 Chatterton Shunters 56; Cabo Roche 49, Five Bells B 45;

Here are this week's teasers:

1. What dish consists of fried potatoes and cabbage?
2. The first demonstration of what now common household item occurred in January 1926?
3. What large lake straddles the California/Nevada border?

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Answers: 1. Bubble and Squeak, 2. Television, 3. Lake Tahoe.

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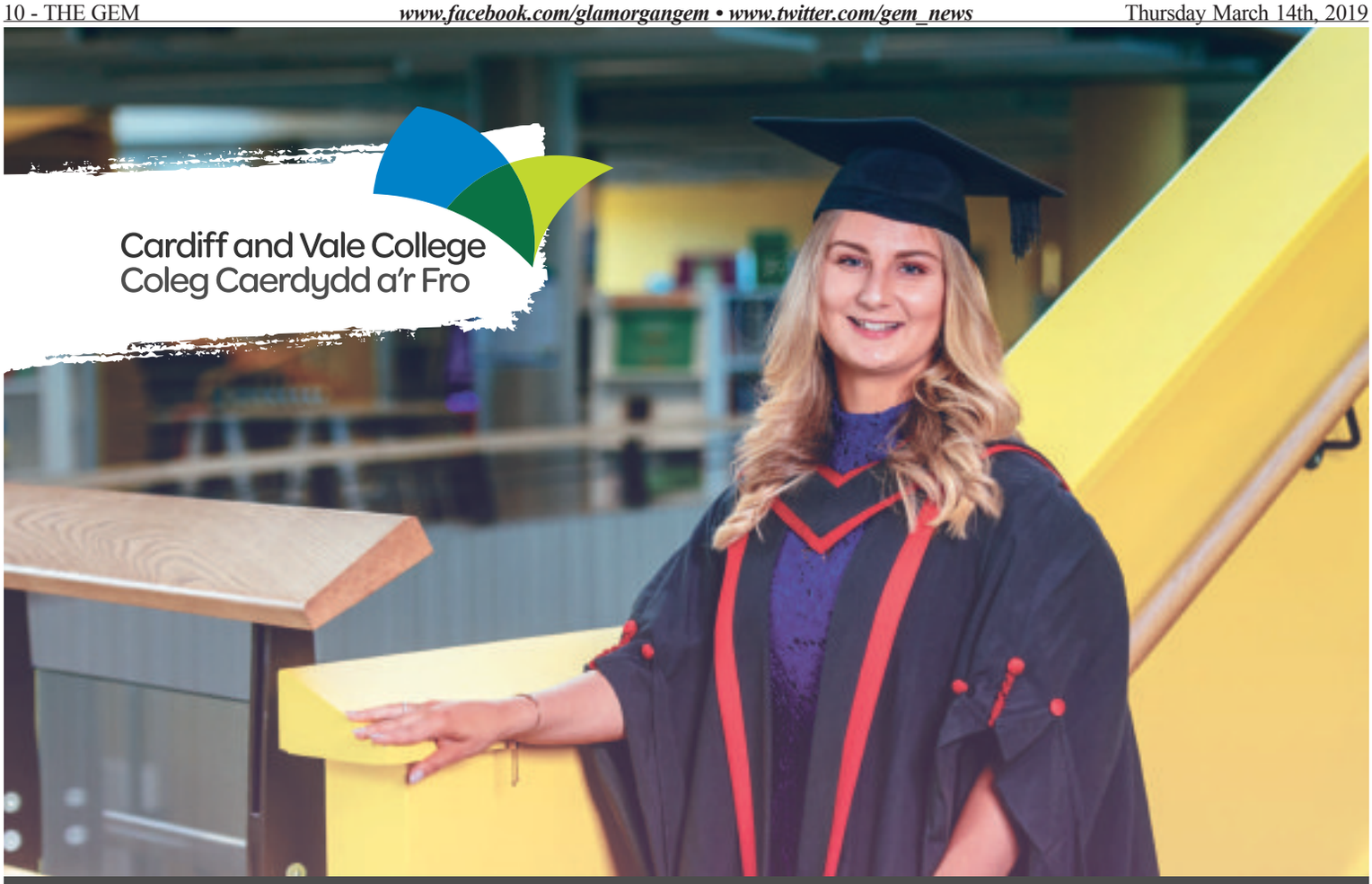

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Charity launches appeal for nurses to get ready for the next generation

TŶ Hafan, the children's hospice in Wales, is appealing to supporters to help its nurses get ready for the next generation and expand their care beyond the hospice walls and into the homes of life-limited children.

Over the past 20 years, nursing has changed significantly. Since its opening in 1999, Tŷ Hafan has supported more than 800 children, and every year more children are admitted to the Sully-based hospice for comfort and care. With developments in technology and medicine, children are living longer which means that their needs have become increasingly complex.

Tŷ Hafan's Head of Hospice Care, Hayley Humphries, who has worked with Tŷ Hafan for most of her nursing career for 14 years, said: "We respond to the needs of each and every Tŷ Hafan child so our clinical care has had to evolve considerably.

"Our highly-trained nurses have introduced new clinical procedures and our symptom control and management techniques have become more specialised. Our hospice is now open 24/7, 365 days a year, enabling us to be ready for whenever the children need us.

"At the beginning of this year, we introduced our first-ever children's palliative care community nurse in Powys and, in the next 20 years, our ultimate aim is to have a Tŷ Hafan community nurse based in every Welsh health board, joining forces with the existing health services to provide pain management, family support and end of life care in a home setting.

"It costs over £1.1 million every year to train and fund our nurses, both community and hospice based. That's why we're launching this appeal and asking community, corporate and individual supporters to do anything they can to raise funds to help our nurses support even more children across Wales, not only in the hospice but also in the safe and familiar comfort of their own homes. There will be more families who need us, and we need to be ready for them".

Parents with first hand experience of Tŷ Hafan's nursing care know just how much it means to them, when faced with their darkest moments.

Osian Liddell from Barry has been visiting Tŷ Hafan for short breaks ever since he was born nearly four years ago. His mother, Anna, recalled how she felt the first time she visited the hospice and handed her tiny baby over to the Tŷ Hafan nurses.

"We just felt massive relief and for the first time in Oshi's young life, we felt calm," she said.

"We were with people who could help us and if something happened, they'd know what to do. Osian was safe. Those nurses are a replacement 'me'. As well as medication, they give cuddles and love, which is just what Oshi needs."

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New divisional commander for Bridgend and the Vale announced

CHIEF Superintendent Alun Morgan has been appointed as the new Divisional Commander for Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan.

It is a proud moment for the 52-year-old as he approaches 30 years of service with South Wales Police. During his career, he has worked in all four divisional areas of the force as well as with specialist units at Force Headquarters in Bridgend.

He has considerable experience of policing at both operational and support levels since starting as a Police Constable in Cockett, Swansea, through to more recent duties as Superintendent (Operations) in Bridgend and the Vale.

Chief Supt Morgan is a trained hostage and crisis negotiator and has been so for almost half his service.

Mr Morgan said: "I am truly humbled to become the Divisional Commander for Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan. It is a real honour to lead the police officers and staff members who do remarkable things day in, day out to keep our communities safe.

"I have a fantastic team around me with key support from Superintendent Claire Evans and I want to build upon the excellent work of my predecessor, Chief Supt Stuart Parfitt, to continue to address the concerns of residents in our communities and take positive action to tackle any issues successfully.

"Keeping the area safe remains our priority – which means making it as hostile a place as possible for those with a view to the contrary. We are here to keep our neighbourhoods safe and we will aim to do that by working in partnership with all those who share that vision." **CT**

Chief Supt Alun Morgan, the new Divisional Commander for the area.

Former prison governor's talk

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members (VOGANTM) holds its next meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 11am in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

The speaker will be Geoff Hughes, who will talk on 'Beyond the Prison Wall'.

Mr Hughes is a former governor of Belmarsh, Cardiff, and other prisons, and is a regular speaker.

He is currently Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and chairman of the Standards Committee of South Wales Fire and Rescue. Non-members will be welcome as guests at this meeting (though they may be gently invited to join the Association). **AM**

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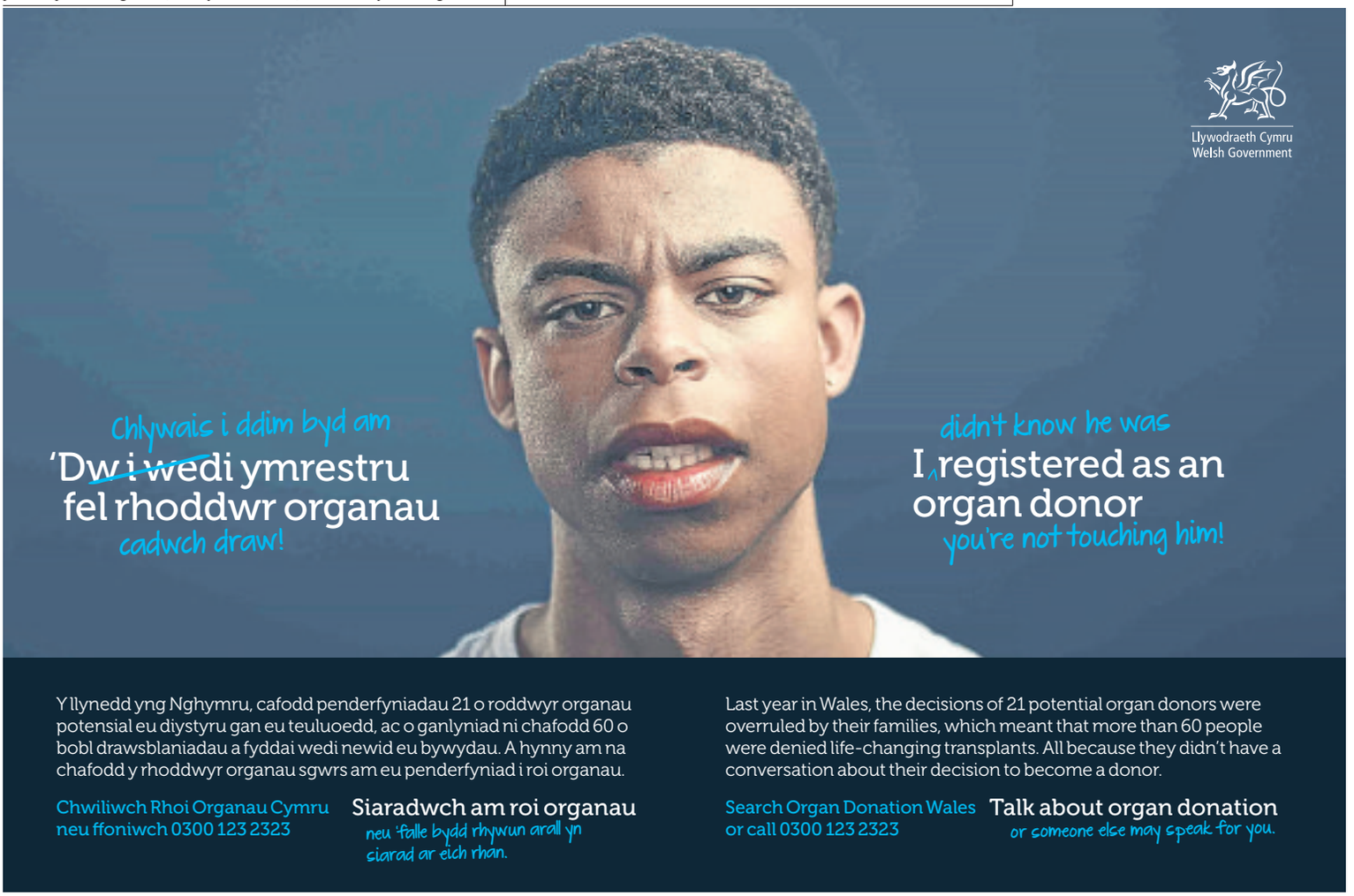

Vale pupils are left inspired on International Women's Day

LOCAL schoolgirls shared their dreams of running a scaffolding business and becoming an Olympic gymnast with successful Barry businesswomen on International Women's Day.

The get-together was organised by Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Labour's prospective Parliamentary candidate for the Vale.

Pupils from High Street Primary School met the businesswomen to hear their personal stories and be inspired by them.

Mrs Loveluck-Edwards explained: "I believe we all want to see girls across the Vale being given every opportunity to succeed. We need to inspire them. The theme of International Women's Day was 'balance for better'. It was a reminder that women are still not fully represented in business and we still need to press for change.

"The businesswomen opened the eyes of the girls to a world of possibilities and we are now looking forward to building a wider event across the Vale next year."

The pupils – Ffion Vowels, Molly Kelly, Ruby Barnfield-Lake and Seren Wroblewski – met Angharad Mollooly and Lois Nolan, who own the 'Annie and Lolo' store and they were joined by the founder of the GoodWash Company, Mandy Powell, and Penny Mickelson, a tennis ambassador for south Wales.

To mark International Women's Day Annie and Lolo had launched a hygiene bank for women in need.

The girls also spoke to Alice Harding of O'Shea's on Barry Island, who organised a free dinner at Christmas for local vulnerable people and the new chair of High Street traders, Vicky McDonald.

Fay Blakely of Homemade Wales also spent time with the pupils and said: "We talked about being a woman running your own business, what that entails, how much hard work it is – but how rewarding it is.

"We talked about the importance of being happy and doing something you enjoy. The girls who visited all have great ambitions for the future and I'm in no doubt they'll achieve them."

The youngsters ended their day with a visit to Giggles store on High Street, Barry.

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Belinda Loveluck-Edwards (second from right) with High Street Primary School pupils at Giggles store High Street, Barry on International Women's Day.

False start to Spring is confusing the bees

News from the Fonmon Apiary with Harold Williams

IS spring really here? Last month was very convincing and the bees thought so too. However, a complete reversal of the weather has curtailed eternal activity; but not stopped it altogether.

Examining the debris in the underfloor trays is revealing an increase in varroa mite numbers and this is an indication that the queens are stepping up their egg production – and the varroa will take advantage of this situation.

Here at the apiary, I have two colonies of bees that have been overwintered, each in their own nucleus box.

What is a 'nucleus box'? It is a smaller version of a beehive: a full size version holds 11 frames whereas the nucleus only has five frames in it. These 'nuc' boxes are made from expanded polystyrene; the full size hives are made of wood.

The insulating properties of the polystyrene boxes is much appreciated by the bees, and if there is a downside, it is when it comes to cleaning said boxes. Unlike the wooden full size boxes that can be scraped and gone over with a blowlamp to ensure good hygiene, this cannot be done with the poly-nucs. However, I am experimenting with a wallpaper stripper and steam cleaning appears to be working. I do have wooden nuc boxes and they can be scorched.

All colonies are showing external activity and the foragers, when they can get out, are returning with pollen which is always a good sign. Very shortly, the beginner's course will be initiated and if there is one recommendation that we try to convey to the newcomer, it is that of having spare equipment!

Many new beekeepers will only wish to have one or maybe two hives at the most, so see no requirement for extra equipment. As the year progresses, the occupants of their hives will increase rapidly: left to themselves, the bees will control the situation of overcrowding by swarming!

So if you wish to keep your bees, there are manoeuvres that can be carried out, but they do require spare kit. Swarming is a natural cycle in the life of a honeybee.

Harold Williams

Grant aid to activity groups and sports clubs

FUNDING totalling £68,478 has been shared between local clubs and projects developing new opportunities for physical activity in the Vale.

The Community Chest scheme is funded by Sport Wales and managed locally by the Sports Development section of the Vale Council's Healthy Living Team.

Organisations across the Vale applied for funding. These included Barry Basketball Club, who are looking to increase the number of female adults at the club, Vale Vipers Girls Basketball, who are looking to increase the number of under-12s playing and Barry Squash, who will deliver female-only sessions in the future.

Elsewhere, funding has been used for training courses for coaches and volunteers, to buy equipment for new activities, to promote their projects and to pay hire fees.

The grants distributed are not purely for sporting activities. They have also been used to develop new physical activity opportunities, such as running and cycling groups.

Non-sport organisations successful in receiving Community Chest funding over the last year include Amelia Methodist Trust Company Ltd, Newydd Housing Association and Graig & Penllyn Residents Association, who received funding for signage for an activity exercise trail in the outdoors.

The Community Chest scheme is set to return in the new financial year (April 2019-March 2020), with £81,500 available for Vale organisations.

For more information, telephone Karen Davies, principal healthy living officer for the Vale Council on 01446 704793, before submitting your proposal by the April 4 deadline.

New walking group for carers

VALEWAYS walking group is offering a new guided walk from April for carers of all ages and their friends and families.

Carers Trust Wales have calculated that there are at least 370,000 carers in Wales. The Carers Trust Wales believes that three in five of us will become a carer at some point in our lives.

The carers' walk will be a gentle stroll which will offer a chance to exercise, meet people and enjoy fresh air. Hopefully, the walks will support carers and give them renewed energy for their role as a carer.

If you are interested in joining this group, the walk will take place on the last Thursday of every month at 10.30am and meets outside Barry Island train station. the walk will last between 45 to 60 minutes.

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PACT in the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper,' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry, between 10am and 12 noon.

A Coffee and Chat takes place at the Watermill, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, March 19.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, March 17 Scenic Views in St Nicholas; meet at the Natural Burial Ground off the A48 at 2pm.

On Wednesday, March 20 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at 10.30am at the Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap, Barry.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at 2.30pm at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

On Thursday, March 21 the Wild Daffodil Walk leaves the lay-by at cattle grid SS 897 752 in St Bride's Major at 10am.

On Sunday, March 24 meet at St Peter's Church, Mill Road in Dinas Powys at 2pm: Spring Is Here!

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This Captain is Marvel-lous!

IT'S safe to say that the ending of *Avengers: Infinity War* left audiences pretty shellshocked.

If you were able to stick around for the typical Marvel Studios post-credit sting, you would have seen Nicky Fury activate a pager before (spoiler alert) turning to ash and vanishing.

We finally get to find out who that pager belonged to in Captain Marvel, as we meet, for the first time, Brie Larson's titular hero.

Vers (Larson) is an extraterrestrial Kree warrior, who has memories of another life as US Air Force pilot, Carol Danvers.

When Vers crashes on earth, she inadvertently teams up with S.H.I.E.L.D agent Nick Fury (Samuel L Jackson), and the pair begin to investigate her memories, all the while trying to stop an intergalactic war that threatens the planet...

Marvel Studios currently occupy the rarified air of rarely putting a foot wrong; however, as Spider-Man's Uncle Ben once pointed out, "With great power comes great responsibility".

The arrival of Captain Marvel comes with the added caveat of being the first Marvel film to be headlined by a female character, so much like last year's *Black Panther* it comes with an added weight.

By and large it's a weight that it handles well, and even if it's a film that doesn't trouble the upper echelons of the Marvel output so far, it's a wholly satisfying origin story for the newest addition to the ever-growing stable of characters.

The film opens with some clunkiness - the backstory of Captain Marvel/Carol Danvers/Vers is a convoluted one that doesn't benefit from some of the choices made in the opening 20 minutes here.

Once it settles down, it becomes a far smoother and more enjoyable ride.

The characteristics of previous Marvel films are present, either knowingly or unwittingly (there's a dash of *Guardians of the Galaxy*, a pinch of *Thor*) which does mean that the film only really develops its own identity around the halfway mark, but it hits notes that, while familiar, are enjoyable enough to carry it through.

Hiring directing duo Ryan Boden and Anna Fleck (more used to

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playing in the low-budget playground with the likes of *Half-Nelson* and *Mississippi Grind*) was another bold directorial choice by Marvel, but one that doesn't wholly pay off.

While the pair have a sure enough handle on the character beats, the action sequences don't have enough personality, feeling helmed by committee rather than carrying the tenets of the directing duo.

Where the film really hits home is in the performances. Brie Larson is a perfect fit for the lead character, delivering a strong turn as she attempts to discover who she really is, and her chemistry with Samuel L Jackson's de-aged Nick Fury is a real delight.

This 'buddy road movie' element is one of the film's strengths, and the pair are in fine form.

Around them other performances are solid, from the likes of Jude Law and Annette Bening, while Ben Mendehlson is a delight as Skrull leader Talos and Lashana Lynch, as Carol's friend Maria, is great in the opportunities she's given.

The narrative beats feel a tad familiar, seemingly using the origin story template with some slightly telegraphed twists, no doubt one of the downfalls of being the 21st Marvel film, but it all comes together into something that is well worth watching.

If it falls a little short of the studios' finest output (and after the films they released last year that's hardly a harsh criticism) it still carries enough of the Marvel charm to see it through – Captain Marvel is marvellous fun.

VERDICT: It doesn't hit the ground running, but once *Captain Marvel* hits its stride it becomes a very good film indeed. There are some small signs of Marvel fatigue, mainly in the direction and narrative beats, but the performances have great charm and carry the film, especially Brie Larson and Samuel L Jackson. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014), *Thor* (2011).

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Patrick Terrett told The GEM that Llandow Carpet Studio was set up to look after local people who want flooring and it has proved to be a huge success, with customers returning and recommending all the time.

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Winners of the British Carpet Fitting Championship are not allowed to defend, so you can win it only once. Byron won in 2017 and John Wright, who was second, won it in 2018. Byron and John, who lives in Oxford, have become very good friends and they get together when either of them has a person who simply wants the best, and for flooring installations that need the best fitters in the country. This year, they will be working on the homes of some very famous people, but more than that we cannot say!

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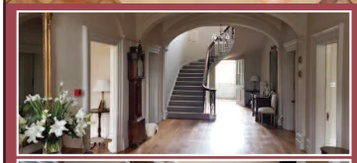
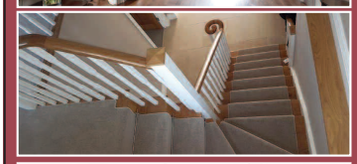
Art and craft group meet in Llantwit Major

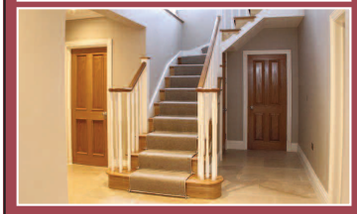
LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will meet on Friday, March 15 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.

Joan Hughes and Rhoda Luzio, two of the members, will give an interactive presentation entitled 'What is Art?' to include a thought provoking, informal discussion with a slideshow which encourages the audience to join in.

Visitors are welcome to come along and join the group, which is very friendly and happy to share skills. A fee of £3 is payable on the night.







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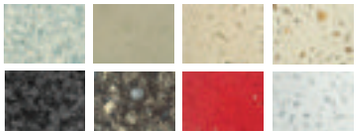

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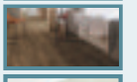
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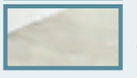
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Vale Veterinary Centre first opened in Barry in 2014, with its centre on Ty Verlon Industrial Estate (near McDonalds) on Cardiff Road. By reputation and success, the practice flourished, and a second centre was opened last year in Cardiff on Cathedral Road near Pontcanna Fields.

Services offered include home visits, emergency services, recovery and rehabilitation, on-site X-raying, hydrotherapy, a VIP service, and clinical laser surgery.

Laser surgery was introduced as part of Vale Veterinary Centre's continual striving to upgrade its facilities to provide the best, and latest standards of care.

The technique - the laser is unique to the practice - minimises tissue damage and aids a more rapid recovery for your pet.

The standards of excellence at Vale Veterinary Centre has been recognised with national awards. Richard Williams, who set up the Vale Veterinary Centre following five years of general practice and emergency hospital experience, was awarded 'Vet of the Year' 2016/17 by PetPlan, the largest UK insurance provider, an award that was voted for by the public.

Vale Veterinary Centre has also continued the success of the practice by bagging three out of eight awards for vets all over the UK in the VetPlus annual awards in London in November 2017 and again in 2018.

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Barry is breathing better, thanks to new singing group

A NEW singing group set up in Barry is making a big difference to people with lung disease.

Funded by the British Lung Foundation (BLF) and the National Lottery, the Singing for Lung Health group has been running since November and is for anyone with a lung condition, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and IPF.

The program is designed to help ease breathlessness and encourage people living with lung disease to have fun and make friends.

After only two months, many of the members are seeing significant benefits. Local resident, Irene Webber, said: "Last year, I was diagnosed with Interstitial Lung Disease and I suffer from breathlessness. Singing for Lung Health is very enjoyable and fun.

"We do exercises and sing songs designed to improve breathing, and as a result my lung capacity has increased. We also get hand-outs so we can do more at home.

"It is very convenient and easy to get to. I wish we had had something like this years ago when I was a nurse. It allows people to do something for themselves, and not rely just on medication."

Another member said: "I cough quite a lot, especially in the evenings. But on the days when I go to Singing for Lung Health, I don't cough at all. It really works for me – it's wonderful!"

Classes are run by Ruth Bradshaw who runs several community and wellbeing choirs locally.

Ruth said: "Anyone who wants to breathe better can join us. You don't need to be able to sing in tune or have any singing experience whatsoever and you don't have to register –just turn up, come and have a sing and a laugh with us."

The sessions take place every Wednesdays between 1.30pm-2.30pm at the Margaret Alexander Community Centre, 11 Alexandra Crescent, Barry CF62 7HU. For further information about the local group, call 03000 555 555 or visit *blf.org.uk/ort-in-your-area*

Man banned from Bridgend county

A MAN has been banned from Bridgend County Borough following persistent anti-social behaviour and breaches of his criminal behaviour order (CBO).

Cardiff Magistrates' Court granted the application to vary the conditions of Paul Kent's criminal behaviour order to cover the whole of the county.

The CBO will last until August 2020. The conditions of the CBO state Kent, aged 48, of no fixed abode, must not at any time be in Bridgend county borough, save for travelling through on any public transport.

PC Kellyann Jones said: "Criminal Behaviour Orders are used as a last resort after all other efforts to engage with individuals through partner agencies have failed. The variation of the CBO is to help assist Kent to access the support he needs."

The public can help manage the order by reporting any breaches to 101 quoting reference 1900071560.

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Paul Kent.

Porthcawl woman wins national mentoring award

Jane Baker holds the award, which was presented by Rory Bremner (left).

A PORTHCAWL woman, Jane Baker of Newton, founder of Steppes Coaching & Development, has won a prestigous award at the National Mentoring Awards in London on St David's Day.

She has been awarded Business Wales Mentor of the Year 2019 and has now won National Mentor of the Year 2019 in London.

She said: "I am delighted to have won these awards. It is a very rewarding job watching people and their businesses transform and progress.

"Very often business owners need someone external to their business to talk through key issues that are blocking their success.

"I provide accountability and the space for individuals to reflect and grow – I am so proud of my clients and what they achieve. They really do know their business but sometimes just need the space to shift their mindset to feel more confident in themselves to implement new ways of working especially during times of uncertainty in the current markets."

WI members learn about Quarella Stone

LALESTON WI met on March 7 and various items of interest in the county letter were brought to the attention of members.

Our WI are hoping to have a visit to The Mansion House Cardiff for a tour and afternoon tea some time in September. Names were taken of members who wished to attend the council meeting in Port Talbot on April 30.

Luncheon Club was to be at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge on March 19.

The speaker for the evening was then introduced, Mr Howard Lewis, who gave us a very interesting talk on Quarella Stone, which was a stone that had been quarried locally and from which our church in Laleston was built.

Our WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15pm in The Blandy Hall, Laleston; visitors welcome.

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Good news for book borrowers as Awen reopens Pyle Library

PYLE Library reopened this week and there was good news for all libraries in Bridgend county borough – fines on overdue books are to be discontinued.

Awen Cultural Trust, which runs the libraries, announced that it will be abolishing all late fines from April 1.

The registered charity, which runs 12 branches, a mobile library and a housebound service on behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), will be the first in Wales to eliminate the fines, following in the footsteps of some libraries in England and the Republic of Ireland.

The announcement was made at the official reopening of Pyle Library on March 11 following a £100,000 redevelopment and refurbishment, attended by Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism.

The renovation, which was jointly funded by a Transformation Capital Grant from the Museums, Archives and Libraries Division of Welsh Government and Awen Cultural Trust, means Pyle Library has become a larger, lighter, more flexible and functional space.

It is believed that the removal of fines will encourage more people to use Awen libraries, allowing those who may be embarrassed about forgetting to return their books, or being unable to pay their fines, to rekindle their relationship with reading and learning.

Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen Cultural Trust, said: "We are committed to providing public libraries which are warm, welcoming and accessible-for-all. We want to reach new audiences and encourage more families to come into our libraries and enjoy all the services they have to offer, by breaking down actual and perceived barriers within our branches.

"As we have removed many of the physical barriers into Pyle Library, including the large imposing front desk, it is fitting that we made the announcement about our new fine policy at its official reopening. Of course, no fine does not mean no responsibility and all other rules around book borrowing will still apply! We would just prefer our members to support their local library in other ways, by visiting, offering donations or volunteering."

Lord Elis-Thomas, said: "Across Wales we have invested more than £16 million in over 115 projects alongside considerable investment from other partners. This has revitalised many library services in Wales and created opportunities for other partnerships."

In February, Awen Libraries started its third season of 'Live & Loud', which sees live music, drama, puppetry and children's theatre performed in the libraries.

ABOVE:
Left to right: Cllr Richard Young, BCBC; Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend County Borough Council; Lord Elis-Thomas; Helen Pridham, libraries and innovation manager at Awen Cultural Trust; Alan Morgan, chair of Awen; Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen.

11-year-old Leo Jones from Pil Primary School demonstrates his microbit coding skills to Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas at the official reopening.

Golden Jubilee at All Saints' Church

"IT may be a small church, but it has a big part to play!" The Bishop of Llandaff's words to a packed All Saints' Church in Southerndown were encouraging and well-received.

Bishop June Osborne (*above, centre*) was paying her first visit to All Saints' to celebrate 50 years since the church was dedicated.

There were some in the congregation who had been present for the opening of the building in 1969, including John Brace, who led one of the Bible readings. Also present was Joan Kinsbrook, now aged 99, who can remember back to the days of the Mission Church that had stood on the same site.

The celebration also brought together past and present clergy who have looked after the church over the years, while an exhibition of photographs and documents told the story of the church and the development of the community over 50 years.

Hazel Norfolk, a lay reader and church warden at All Saints', was delighted with the weekend of celebrations: "Despite some stormy weather outside, inside the church there was warmth and great joy. It was a memorable occasion!"

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HAVING a chat with the very personable Denis Theodore, we decide that the phrase 'Aladdin's Cave' is overused, and instead I shall call Theodore's Reclamation the summit, the acme, pinnacle, the apogee, the zenith, the very apotheosis of reclamation yards.

And it is. For someone like me who prefers old to new, and knows that chaps like Denis have been 'recycling' , 'reloving' and 'upcycling' since before the hipsters that use these words were born, it's like a toy shop. Slates? Yep. Doors? But of course. A chimney pot? Not a problem. Finials and crests? More than you can shake a stick at. Fires, hearths and beams? Oh yes...

Theodore's – on North Road in Bridgend Industrial Estate – is the place. If they don't have it, they can usually source it. If you have something to sell, they may wish to buy it.

I ask Denis about 'trends', and in addition to fires and fireplaces ("The things everyone was ripping out 30 years ago..." he says), the Green Man, a symbol of rebirth, is rather in vogue these days and enjoying its own second coming.

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Vale Mayor explains decision to abstain at budget meeting

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, has explained why he abstained on budget proposals at an emergency meeting of the council.

The Vale Council is a Conservative-Independent administration, but Vale Leader, Cllr John Thomas, relied on Labour votes to get the budget and council tax increase of 4.9 per cent through last Friday, March 8.

A total of 11 Conservatives abstained on the budget vote and the Vale Mayor Cllr Rowlands, also a Conservative, explained: "As mayor it was very difficult for me to take the decision to abstain on the budget.

"As mayor, it is my duty to promote the interests and reputation of the council and the Vale as a whole and act as an ambassador for both. I was simply not satisfied that Vale council tax payers were getting value for money out of the proposed increase and saving targets were not being met.

"I had concerns about a range of issues and that's why I took the difficult decision to abstain on the budget." **TC**

Exciting plans for new Vale campuses

THE Vale Council and Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) are working on ambitious proposals for two new multi-million-pound college campus developments – one at Barry Waterfront and the other at Cardiff Airport.

Next week, the council's cabinet will consider the sale of two pieces of land to the college, one located at the Innovation Quarter at the Waterfront and the other on land near the airport.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "While negotiations are at an early stage the council is very keen to help Cardiff and Vale College realise its ambition of delivering two new state of the art college campuses in the Vale.

"The sites we have identified offer huge potential. Barry Waterfront is perhaps the most innovative urban regeneration project in Wales. It currently offers first class leisure opportunities, retail outlets and transport links, alongside a mix of housing. A sector-leading higher education campus would be yet another exciting development.

"Equally, development of the second site near to Cardiff Airport would be an exciting early step on developing an area that we see driving forward economic development in the Vale in the near future."

Mark Roberts, chief operating officer at CAVC, said: "We have an ambitious programme of investing in delivering innovative opportunities and facilities for learning in Cardiff and the Vale that will inspire current and future generations. The plans would be a major boost for the college, which is the third largest in the UK.

"This proposal features two brand new state-of-the-art campuses: one at Barry Waterfront which will offer a wide range of vocational and further education courses, and an aerospace and advanced manufacturing campus at Cardiff Airport with STEM centre, IT and cyber security courses."

The GEM understands the college would like to open both campuses in September 2022, but that learning would continue at existing Vale sites until that date so no learning or students would be disrupted.

Cake sale at church hall

A CHARITY cake sale will be held on Thursday, March 21 at Cadoxton Methodist Church Hall, Barry CF63 1JX with all money raised going to The Down Syndrome Association.

'Local politics is not about grabbing headlines'

Cllr John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, on the recent council tax vote

BEING Leader of the Vale Council means having to take difficult decisions, especially in the context of year on year reductions in funding from Welsh Government.

It is grossly naïve to think that we can continue to provide essential local services without having to increase council tax and look at new ways of generating income.

That being said, if you look at council tax rises across Wales there are only three lower than that agreed for the Vale last week. Indeed our increase of only 4.9 per cent compares very favourably with authorities like Pembrokeshire (9.9 per cent), Conwy (9.6 per cent) and Powys (9.5 per cent), and a host of others who have gone over the 5 per cent mark.

My term as leader of a council has seen the council consistently outperform others in terms of the quality of services, while operating on a very lean budget; and I am very proud of the fact that in 2019/20 the Vale will have the sixth lowest council tax rate in Wales, despite receiving a very low level of funding from Welsh Government.

It was a shock to me when four of my Conservative colleagues voted against the budget. Not least because they had made no contribution to the public debate whatsoever. For colleagues to come out in the press now, saying that they had issues with the council tax increase and value for money for residents is rather disingenuous when this matter had been discussed in group meetings on a number of occasions, and no opposition to the figures was raised.

Cllr John Thomas.

The vote on the budget is one of the, if not the, most important decisions that the council makes during the year. Our inability to agree this at the first attempt caused not only embarrassment to the Conservative administration and the council as a whole but also made very real the possibility that we would fail to meet our legal obligations.

It was in this context that I met with members of the group immediately after the vote. I had hoped to agree a way forward. It became quickly clear, however, that I could not rely on their support.

It would have been irresponsible to go into the Special council meeting unsure of whether the budget would be approved, and it was against this context that cross party discussions were held; and I will make no apologies for reaching out to colleagues across the political spectrum when so much was at stake.

This was in the best interests of both the Vale of Glamorgan as a community and the council as an organisation. In setting a budget I have not given in to demands from those within the group or outside. I have listened, and engaged, and have sought at every step to ensure that the Vale maintains the excellent reputation that has been built up over the years.

Being Leader of the Council means making tough and sometimes unpopular decisions. Local politics is not a game. It is not about scoring political points. It isn't about grabbing headlines and it certainly isn't a PR exercise. While appearances may be a major concern for some, my biggest concern will always be the interests of those thousands of people who rely on council services every day.

This is how I have always operated and, given the opportunity, is how I will continue to run the council.

Sarah tackles her '42 at 42'

LOCAL resident Sarah Miles is taking on the London Marathon on April 28.

Sarah told The GEM: "I am using the tagline '42 at 42', because April 28 this year is my 42nd birthday so it seems fitting to run a 42km race on that day!"

Sarah is a managing director of the local organisation 'With Music In Mind' and says she has had amazing support from the group members.

She said: "The training schedule is gruelling and without the encouragement of my family, friends, colleagues, members of my choir Côr Bro Ogwr and the lovely With Music In Mind singers, it would be so difficult."

She ran the marathon 15 years ago in aid of Headway Cardiff and is looking forward to challenging her previous time with 15 years more mileage on the clock!

Sarah is raising money for local children's hospice Tŷ Hafan, the Vale-based charity that provides holistic palliative care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families from throughout Wales.

She is a committee member of the Elis Rose Legacy Fund, which so far has successfully raised over £11,000 for Tŷ Hafan.

Sarah Miles training for the London Marathon.

Sarah said: "My goal is to raise a further £2,000 for the charity through the London Marathon. I have a VirginMoneyGiving page which can be found by searching 'Sarah Miles 42 at 42', sponsorship forms and collection boxes in local shops such as the Tŷ Hafan shop in Cowbridge and Cowbridge leisure centre.

"The local primary school Y Bont Faen is going to have a non-uniform day just before the Easter holidays and beautiful harmonious singing duo Indigo May are putting on a concert on April 6 at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington, tickets are £10 each."

Travelodge has eyes on Penarth

PENARTH has been chosen as one of seven locations where Travelodge wants to open a hotel in an expansion programme that collectively represents an investment value of £45 million and will create 200 new jobs in Wales, including 25 jobs and an investment of around £7 million for third party investors in Penarth.

The other six locations on the Travelodge Wales expansion programme are Aberystwyth, Pwllheli, Swansea, Tenby, Torfaen/Blaenau and Wrexham.

A Travelodge spokesperson said: "Penarth has been identified as a key target area, as it is growing from strength to strength and attracting record visitor numbers. However, there remains a shortage of good quality, low cost accommodation.

"The new hotel would also help attract new visitors to the area and boost the local economy, as Travelodge research shows its customers spend on average double their room rate with local businesses, which equates to a multimillion spend annually."

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Family's plea after 'cruel' theft of horses

ABOVE and RIGHT: The horses that were stolen.

A Vale resident has spoken of her disgust after two of her horses were stolen overnight on Friday, March 1.

Tequilla Huntley said: "The horses were stolen from a livery yard at Bonvilston.

"They are so beautiful and our absolute world. It's a disgusting thing to do.

"We are offering a reward for any valid information about this. They are very distinguishable and have very distinctive traits.

"I don't know what sort of person can do such a cruel thing.

"The next night the tack room was broken into and equipment such as rugs, saddles and bridles taken.

"I think the horses are probably still local and I'm appealing to local people to keep a lookout."

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "We are investigating the theft of two horses from a field near Springfield Lane, Bonvilston.

"The theft occurred sometime between 5.30pm on March 1 and 12.30pm on March 2. Both horses are brown in colour and stand at 16.3 hands.

"A number of items were also stolen from the stables including tack, two saddles, a Senci generator, a chainsaw and a hedge cutter."

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900079131 (horses) and 1900077142 (equipment) or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

News in brief

Penarth Local History Society

BRIAN Davies will give a talk on Cardiff's Forgotten Castles on Thursday, March 14 at All Saints' Church Lesser Hall, Penarth at 7.30pm.

Admission is £2 for non members. Please come along and support your local history society.

Art explained

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft group will meet on Friday, March 15 at 7.30pm at Llantonian Hall.

Joan Hughes and Rhoda Luzio, two of the members, will give an interactive presentation entitled 'What is Art?' to include a thought provoking, informal discussion with a slide-show which encourages the audience to join in. Visitors are welcome to come along and join the group, which is very friendly and happy to share skills. A fee of £3 is payable on the night.

Lunchtime Concerts at All Saints Barry

The monthly series of Lunchtimes recitals continues this month, with an Recital by the Sixth Form Musicians at The Bishop of Llandaff High School on Saturday, March 16.

The students are all working incredibly hard prior to their A/AS Level Music Examination which is taking place later this month. The recital will feature singers, pianists, clarinetists to name a few.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB Offices, 119 Broad Street, Barry, CF62 7TZ on Saturday, March 16 from 10am-11am.

‘It’s been muddy hell’ say Dinas Powys councillors

BARRATT Homes has apologised to residents in Dinas Powys following complaints about excessive amounts of mud and silt on local roads caused by construction traffic.

It said it is working closely with the Vale Council to “comply with all planning conditions” after being served with a formal notice.

The developer is building 215 houses at the former St Cyres School site and community councillors say that over the months, mud has coated Murch Road and Murch Crescent and splattered nearby cars.

Construction traffic from the development site goes straight into the village and community councillors have complained about excessive deposits of mud and silt on local roads.

Community councillor Chris Franks said: “It has taken six months of complaints from residents and Plaid community councillors to force the Vale Council to address the problem of mud and silt on Dinas Powys roads.

“The council has been timid and lacked resolve. The lack of effective action to protect residents has been a disgrace.

“At long last the county council has served a Section 187A notice on the developers BDW to properly implement planning conditions.

“The legal notice states that the developer has a month to address the breach of conditions.”

Wheel washing facilities were introduced at the Dinas Powys site, but Cllr Franks says the measure had not been effective enough: “The Vale Council states that the arrangements on site are not consistently preventing the depositing of mud and silt onto the public highway.

“In addition, the notice states there is no settlement pond or filtration system for the wheel wash and the road sweeper is not being deployed sufficiently.”

Steve Williams, the managing director of Barratt Homes South Wales, apologised to local residents for the inconvenience and said action was being taken to deal with the problem.

He said: “We always work to minimise the effects of construction and apologise to anyone who has been inconvenienced by work in Dinas Powys.

“We are working closely with Vale Council to ensure that we comply with all planning conditions and following recent bad weather we have made modifications to measures to minimise mud and silt deposits on the public highway.

“We have installed a tarmac surface to provide a smoother area for the jet-washing operation and installed a sump to collect any excess water running off the vehicles.

“The tyres of vehicles leaving the development during the day will continue to have their tyres cleaned by the jet-wash.”

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning at the Vale Council, said the council had been closely monitoring compliance at the development from the very start of construction.

He explained: “Our enforcement team has been working with the developer to overcome local residents’ concerns and has taken quick and decisive action to resolve breaches of the planning conditions when they have arisen.

“The council’s planning enforcement team contacted the developers on February 14 to specify a number of improvements required to keep the roads clean. This is the latest in a series of formal notices served on the developer.

“Subsequent site visits along with evidence provided by local residents made clear that initial improvements and attempts at compliance were simply not sufficient.

“While new arrangements for washing the wheels of vehicles leaving the site had been put in place, these were failing to ensure that excessive mud was not being deposited from the site onto the road.

“Consequently, on March 6, the Vale Council served the developer with their second Breach of Condition Notice.”

Cllr Bird added: “The developer has been given one month to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the notice. This is the minimum time allowed under planning legislation. Should the developer fail to comply with the requirements of the notice the council will consider a legal prosecution.”

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Vale Council unveils new parking plans

A new approach to parking management across the Vale is to be considered by the council’s cabinet on Monday, March 18, with the council looking to introduce further charging in some car parks and also ‘on street’ in resorts.

No charges would be introduced for ‘on street’ town centre parking under the proposals. The proposals would see parking remain free of charge for the first two hours as well as free parking on Sundays in all town centre car parks. Permits would be available for regular users. Charges would apply for stays of longer than two hours in town centre car parks but not on street.

All year round resort car park charges are proposed for car parks at Barry Island, Ogmore-by-Sea and Southerndown. These charges vary between peak and off-peak times and parking would be free before 8am with reduced tariffs after 4pm. On street parking charges would also be applied at the resorts of Barry Island and Penarth Esplanade.

Under the proposals, which have been produced by council officers following a public consultation exercise in 2018, charges would also be applied at the coastal car parks of Barry’s Cold Knap, Cwm Col Huw in Llantwit Major and at Penarth’s Cliff Walk. These new charges will for 2019/20 only apply during the summer season.

Annual passes would be available for all resort and coastal car parks.

Charges of between £1 and £3 would be applied to Cosmeston Lakes and Porthkerry Country Parks between 8am and 6pm. Again, a reduced price annual pass would be available.

Parking for cars displaying a blue badge would remain free of charge in all instances.

A spokesperson for the council said: “Maintaining the Vale’s car parks costs the council upwards of £300,000 each year and this does not include the costs of managing the resorts they support.

“As was widely acknowledged during the debate on the council’s budget for 2019/20, we have no alternative but to seek to raise additional income if we wish to continue to provide the services that we know our residents want and which bring visitors to the Vale.

“We have listened carefully to the views shared during the consultation and the policy proposed differs significantly from that proposed by Capita. Parking will be free for two hours in all town centre car parks and town centre on street parking will incur no charge at all. We have done all we can to ensure these charges do not penalise local residents and where new charges are being proposed we have ensured these will be competitive with neighbouring local authority areas.

“The new measures for residents’ parking permits will also ensure that where spaces are at a premium local residents can ensure they have preference for a very reasonable cost, with no restriction on the number of permits that each household can apply for.”

If approved on March 18, the council’s new parking policy is likely to come into effect later this year once the legal framework is in place.

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‘Tackling the problem of agricultural pollution’

THE issue of agricultural pollution is a concern for every farmer. A single pollution incident can cause huge harm to wildlife and the environment, while the steady, periodic or combined leaching of pollutants can lead to damaging concentrations of nitrates or other chemicals, resulting in problems such as algal blooms and the contamination of water supplies.

Rachel Saunders of the Farmers’ Union of Wales writes on Farming Matters.

Of course, pollution brings with it financial costs for farm businesses - whether directly, as a result of fines, or a result of the loss of valuable nutrients from soils and other adverse impacts.

Thankfully, the data available for agricultural pollution incidents from January 2010 to February 2018 shows only one per cent of farms in Wales to have been recorded as having a substantiated pollution incident; but some of those that have been attributed to farming were catastrophic, adding to existing pressures from members of the public, charities and other bodies to tighten up farming regulations.

Such pressures, which have been exacerbated by unusually wet periods in recent years, come against a background of legislative pressure due to Nitrate Vulnerable Zone and Water Framework Directive legislation.

For these reasons, the FUW has worked with others for decades to help address agricultural pollution in a proportionate and targeted way.

In recent years, a large proportion of this work has been through the FUW’s membership of the Welsh Land Management Forum (WLMF), chaired by Natural Resources Wales, and in particular the WLMF agricultural pollution sub-group, which has met monthly over the past two years.

Following a consultation on the expansion of Wales’ Nitrate Vulnerable Zones and a request from Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary Lesley Griffiths in April 2018, the group submitted a detailed report and 45 recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary.

While work by the group continued, with a particular emphasis on targeting actions in areas where problems are known to exist, it seems that the work of the Welsh Government ground to a halt in terms of considering the recommendations or the results of a programme of NRW farm visits aimed at identifying problems and appropriate solutions.

Lesley Griffiths has neither met with the group nor responded to the recommendations. Rather, the Welsh Government announced in November that it intends to bring forward legislation for the whole of Wales which is, to all intents and purposes, a cut-and-paste of the NVZ rules – increasing the number of Welsh farm holdings subject to costly and restrictive legislation from an estimated 600 to more than 24,000.

While there are problems that must be addressed, such a move is wholly disproportionate, and would undermine efforts to target pollution in those areas where action is needed, while adding huge costs and burdens in vast areas where no problems exist.

The GEM asked the Welsh Government to comment and The Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, said: “Failure to tackle the issue of agricultural pollution would be highly damaging for Wales; in terms of its reputation, on the environment and for Wales’ future trading arrangements post-Brexit.

“The appropriate and fair way to deal with the issue of agricultural pollution in Wales is to tackle it at source, with measures aimed at dealing with poor practice which is still seen far too frequently across Wales.

“I have welcomed the recommendations made by the Wales Land Management Forum sub-group (WLMF) and we are already implementing a number of them.

“It remains the intention of the Welsh Government to establish the right balance of measures and officials from relevant departments meet with the WLMF on a monthly basis. The proposed regulations are proportionate, based upon good practice recommendations and will play an important role, alongside other measures, in helping address agricultural pollution in Wales.”

News in brief

Celebrating ‘spring equinox’

ON Wednesday, March 20 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, there will be a ‘Happy Days’ event at the Knap Lake and Gardens in Barry.

Artist Glyn Pooley said: “Come along and celebrate International Day of Happiness and the spring equinox with Art4U. Share a joke, a gift, an artwork or just your beautiful smile. Anything you think that can help create happiness for someone.

“We will be joined by the fabulous Porthkerry Community Choir. We meet at the ‘Tree of Friendship’ and will take a gentle walk around the lake. It’s free and everyone is welcome.”

Councillors’ surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, will hold their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

What’s on and where?

Messy Church in Penarth

Messy Church is back at All Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, this Sunday, March 17, from 4pm to 5.30pm.

There will be a range of craft activities and games for all ages on the theme of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, followed by a short time of worship and a cooked tea for all. Admission is free although donations are welcomed.

For more information visit allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Llantwit surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents hold surgeries at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on the first and third Saturdays of every month, including holidays.

The surgeries commence at 9.30am and end at 11.30am, when residents are welcome to attend. The next surgery is on Saturday, March 16 and we look forward to discuss any issues with you.

What’s on and where?

Messy Church

MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, March 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until about 4pm.

We extend a warm welcome to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents); there will be activities for all the family; lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and refreshments.

We would be delighted if you could join us; further info from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020; Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group will meet on Tuesday, March 19 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker will be Dr Julia Platts, Consultant in medicine and diabetes and our group president will give an informative presentation and answer questions. Anyone welcome!

Crafts in Rhoose

RHOOSE Adult Craft Group Open Day takes place on Saturday, March 23 from 1pm-5pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose.

Free entry; crafts for sale, lots of crafts to try. New members always welcome.

Whist drive

Every Wednesday at St Athan in Old School Hall (behind Lifestyle shop), a whist drive takes place at 7.30pm; entrance fee £2 (includes tea/coffee and biscuits), optional raffle.

A unique museum - and it is in the Vale

Hunter Tornado Phantom.

Jet Provost.

COLLECTING things is a bit of, well, a male occupation, writes ANDY JOHNSTONE.

Be it duelling scars (admittedly not so common these days), loco numbers, or stamps, it is us chaps who tend to collect.

Take Gary Spoors and John Sparks, for example.

Long careers in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, and successful second careers with the businesses GJD Services and Horizon Aircraft at the Aerospace Wales Business Park, Picketston and at other sites in the UK have allowed them to indulge in their collective collecting speciality: aircraft.

"I like VC10s," said Mr Spoors, whose father was based at RAF St Athan, as was he some years later, "I have three of them."

A moment of silence ensued as I mentally counted my collecting haul (10 copies of *Three Men in a Boat*, nine of *The Art of War*, and six copies of *Out of Africa*.

Aircraft tend to be rather large. In fact, even a WWII-era Spit or Hurri is considerably larger than one might assume. It is the "small. far away" effect.

Forward a generation to a Cold War Phantom or Tornado, and they are large aircraft, and so having space, say a couple of hangars here and there, is not only practical, but also a necessity.

Not everyone can own their own aircraft, let alone a squadron of myriad types both military and civil, fixed and rotary winged, airliner and fighter, and so Messrs Sparks and Spoors decided to create an aero museum, here, in the Vale, in St Athan, and it will be unlike anything else in Wales or the UK.

Their combined enthusiasm is palpable, infectious.

"It won't just be a museum," begins Mr Spoors, "but also a place to learn, to study, to have the kind of hands-on practical training in aircraft engineering and maintenance that is in short supply these days."

As if on cue, two young students - Danny Banga and Morgan Nicholls - of the University of South Wales arrive.

Both reading Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering, they travel to GJD Services' Hangar 872 when they can to get their hands dirty, to get to grips with, in a literal sense, the nuts and bolts of aircraft.

Mr Nicholls, who had his head in the exhaust outlet of a Jet Provost when we met, said: "Coming here gives us the sort of experience we can't get anywhere else.

Mr Banga agreed saying: "It backs up and brings to life the theoretical side of our studies, and we're so pleased we can come here to do it."

South Wales Air Museum (SWAM) is due to open over the Easter weekend.

"It's a work in progress," said Mr Sparks, "and probably always will be.

"We have so many plans, so many aircraft [I am sworn to secrecy about one], such a vision for this place."

Mr Sparks has another business – Horizon Aircraft Services, which specialises in restoring and flying ex-military jet and piston aircraft along with a flying school teaching people how to fly – on the airfield.

While collecting might be a peculiarly male preserve, SWAM will be anything but.

"What we will achieve here meshes perfectly with the renewed interest - for males AND females of any age - in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, from primary-age children to college and university, and apprenticeships of all ages," said Mr Spoors.

Perhaps echoing Ignatius of Loyola, he continued, saying: "If we – working with schools, working with UK and Wales governments, working with industry, colleges and universities –-can get a child, be it a boy or a girl, interested in aircraft and engineering at 10 years old, then they'll want to do it for life.

"Even if it's only one or two children out of each class of 30 that gets that spark, then the tradition and excellence of world-leading engineering and science in the UK - including right here in the Vale and Bridgend - which has never gone away, is assured."

To use a couple of modish terms, the inclusivity envisioned at SWAM does not begin and end with gender.

"We're going to go above and beyond what is required to make sure disabled adults and children can have the same experience as everyone else," said Mr Sparks.

He described the plan to have a Boeing 747 cockpit, cut from the aircraft, put on the ground with a ramp onto the flight deck so that a wheelchair user or less-ambulant person can still access the controls. An elevating platform beneath will be able to raise a person in a wheelchair into the flight deck to give them the same hands-on experience.

Other exhibits - in addition to the Jet Provost - include a two-seater Hawker Hunter, a couple of Fairey Gannets, a Sea King, a de Havilland Dove, a Vampire, the famous Panavia Tornado GR1 ZA326 in "raspberry ripple" colour scheme, and Black Mike.

Black Mike ("She should be painted in grey," said Mr Spoors) is a record-breaking Phantom XV582.

Her claim to fame is that, 30 years ago this April 1, she set the fastest time for the 590-mile Lands End to John O'Groats Run, which she covered 46 minutes and 44 seconds.

That is an average speed of over 757 mph, and a record she still holds.

Future additions to the SWAM collection will include a Canberra, a Meteor, a Shackleton, a Buccaneer, a Venom, a Jaguar, and one of those VC10s, and lots, lots more.

"We might also like to get a Vulcan here," said Mr Sparks.

The museum, over time, will add a shop and a cafe, and visitors will be able to get up close to all the exhibits, and view them from above from a gallery.

SEE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE ON THE MUSEUM

Students working on a tail.

Barry Waitrose staff's uncertain future

THE closure of Waitrose is a body blow to Barry and particularly the local area, the local councillor has told The GEM.

Cllr Rachel Nugent-Finn, who represents Cadoc Ward, said: "I'm gutted that this has happened. It is a massive loss. I'm very sorry to see it go.

"I hope that the staff will be looked after and if there is anything I can to do to help they should let me know.

"The café lent itself to the community – I used to hold surgeries there because it was the ideal place to meet residents. Local organisations were also welcomed.

"It was also a place in the area where people were able to meet up and have a cup of tea and a cake.

"The staff have been so friendly and accessible. The store was a hub for the community.

"Over the years the site has now been occupied by The Tower, Presto, Safeway and Waitrose."

On Wednesday, March 6, the company revealed the Palmerston Road store would close on Sunday, June 9. Other stores are closing in Torquay, Teignmouth, Blaby and Ashbourne.

Waitrose confirmed it had sold the site to Anlo Properties, which will redevelop the unit over an extended period of time. Future plans for the site will be announced at a later date.

There has been speculation that Iceland were interested in taking it over but The GEM understands that it has not entered into any commitment.

Waitrose & Partners regional manager Alistair Bullock said it had been forced to make a hard-headed business decision: "We have taken great pride in being part of the Barry community for almost 15 years so the sale of the shop is not something we take lightly, but we have sadly not been able to find a way to make the shop commercially sustainable in the long-term.

"Our priority is our 122 partners working there who will be fully supported throughout the process and we will identify opportunities for those wishing to remain with the business wherever possible."

Jam Fund thanks family for its 'lovely gesture'

A MONTH-long fundraiser for the Vale charity the JAM Fund is currently taking place in Quedgeley near Gloucester.

Late last year, the charity, inspired by Jamie Adamson who died of cancer at the age of five, helped three-year-old Mason Reynolds from Gloucester, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

Paul Adamson, who runs the charity in his spare time from his home in Barry, said: "His grandmother Maureen Reynolds, who works for Tesco, is holding a fundraiser at the store as a 'thank you' after we donated £500 to help towards a bedroom makeover for him.

"Maureen had the chance to raise funds for Mason or for us and chose to help the Jam Fund because she wanted to help another child.

RIGHT: Jamie Adamson, who died at Llandough Hospital in 2004, inspired the Jam Fund.

"We never expect families to do this because they have enough stress in their lives but it is a lovely gesture.

"I want to thank the store community champion Teresa Fisher for helping too."

Paul added: "My ambition is to raise enough funds so that one day we can have Jamie's name attached to a special facility – a park for disabled children or a playroom in a hospital, hospice or special school.

"It will take a lot of money to achieve this, but I have always wanted a fitting memorial to him."

The Jam Fund has already signed up 54 runners from across the UK for this year's Cardiff Half Marathon.

Four of the runners are former shipmates of Paul from when he was serving aboard HMS Cornwall.

Since 2005, the fund has raised more than £400,000 to help youngsters across the UK suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

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War doctor speaks in Penarth

SURGEON David Nott visited Penarth on February 28 to talk about his experiences over more than two decades, volunteering his skills in the world's most dangerous war zones. Hosted by Griffin Books at the Glamorganshire Golf Club, the event drew a sell-out crowd of over 120 people, all keen to hear his story.

Bookshop owner Mel Griffin interviewed Dr Nott about his recently published book, *War Doctor*, extracts from which had been read daily that week on BBC Radio 4. Dr Nott has completed an incredible 27 humanitarian missions, from Sarajevo to Syria, putting his own life at risk on numerous occasions.

He also played a key part in the international diplomacy leading to the successful evacuation of remaining civilians and medical professionals from East Aleppo in 2016. The event ended with a standing ovation for Dr Nott.

Griffin Books would like to thank the audience, who donated more than £360 for the David Nott Foundation, the charity established by Dr Nott and his wife to provide specialised training in trauma surgery to local doctors in conflict zones.

Signed copies of *War Doctor* are available from Griffin Books.

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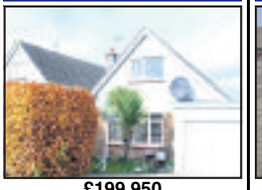

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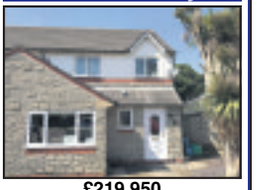

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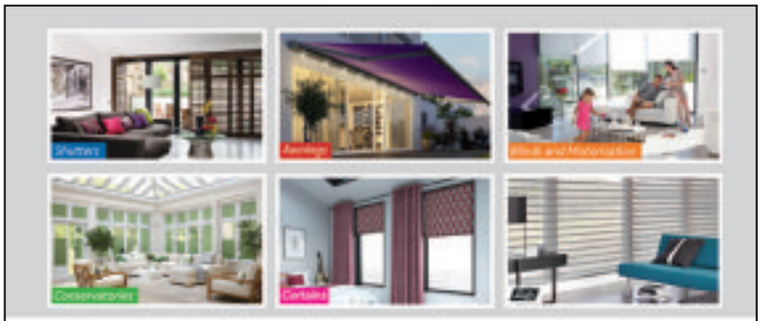

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Family Notices

ASHILL
Barrie James

Peacefully after a short illness on 1st March 2019 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth with his loving family present, Barrie aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Eileen, much loved dad of Dean, Leanne, Dale and Kelly. Father-in-law to Jeff, Wilf and Sarah, adored Bamps to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barrie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 18th March at 1.45pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

TYRRELL
Frederick Raymond (Ray)

Peacefully at home on 22nd February, Ray, devoted husband to Jan, much loved dad of Daniel, survived by Nicola, Claire and Adam.

Ray will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 18th March at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Ward B4 Haematology Unit, University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, CF14 4XW in memory of Ray.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

EVANS
Pamela Caroline (Carol) (*née* Phillips)

Peacefully at her home in the presence of her loving family on 1st March, Carol of Woodside Avenue, Litchard, Bridgend. Dearly loved wife of Michael, much loved mother of Kirstie and Katherine, loving grandma of Michael and a dear sister of Peter.

Carol will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends.

Funeral Thursday, 21st March. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to The Parkinson's Society c/o Mrs Julia Phillips, 72, Hazeldene Avenue, Brackla, Bridgend, CF31 2JP. Cheques made payable to Parkinson's UK (Bridgend).

Enquiries to Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Pencoed, Bridgend. Tel: 01656 860545.

FAIRFAX
Mina Maud

Peacefully with her family present on 9th March 2019, Mina aged 100 years. Beloved wife of the late Arthur, much loved mum and mother-in-law to Eileen, Janet and Angela. Cherished nan to Donna, Sian, Nicholas & Emma, Simon, Samantha & Rhys, Ruth and Suezanne & Lee, also a loved great grandmother and great great grandmother.

Mina will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Monday, 25th March 2019 at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

THOMAS
Brinley Edward (Bryn)

Peacefully on Sunday, 3rd March at Picton Court Care Home, Porthcawl, Bryn of Hanover Court, Bridgend. Devoted husband of Lois. Much loved dad of Wayne and Roger, loved and respected father-in-law of Elaine and Angela. A loving and proud grandfather and great grandfather.

Friends please meet for service in Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 25th March 2019 at 11am.

Floral tributes and enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel - 01656 653156.

WILLIAMSON
Dennis John

It is with immense sadness that we announce that Den passed peacefully away at his home in Jersey on Thursday, 14th February 2019, aged 64 years.

Family and friends wishing to attend the service for Dennis are invited to meet at the Cadoxton Methodist Chapel, Barry on Friday, 22nd March at 2pm.

Following the service a Celebration of Dennis' life will be held at Barry Town Football Club. All welcome. Let's make it a 'gig'' to remember .

MORGAN
Robert (Bobby)

Peacefully on 2nd March at Llandough Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Jean. Dad of Christine and Robert, father-in-law to Susan and the late Garfield and a much loved grandad and great grandad.

Bob will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A service will be held to celebrate Bob's life at 10am on Friday, 22nd March at St Mary's Church, Barry, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium at 11am.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry.

Family flowers by request please.

BATTY
Susan Marigold

Peacefully on Saturday, 2nd March at Milsom House Nursing Home, St Athan. Formerly of Porthkerry Road, Rhoose, loving wife of the late Alan Batty.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 19th March, service and cremation 1pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road Barry.

CROOK
Robert John

Peacefully passed away on the 8th March after a short illness at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff. Beloved husband of Becky, loving father of Kelly-Lee and Lewis, much loved son and brother.

Rob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 26th March, service and interment 12 noon at St Athan Church. Donations if desired to Velindre Cancer Care, c/o the funeral director.

JONES
Anita
(Dow Corning retiree)

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Peacefully on 7th March 2019 with those she loved. Will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her, especially by her loving husband, Gareth and children, Doug, Jenny and Russ and their families.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral service at St. Curig's Church, Porthkerry, Thursday, 21st March at 11am.

Black attire not essential, a touch of silver would be welcome.

GALLIVAN
Tom

Peacefully on 4th March at the University Hospital of Wales, Tom sadly passed away. A beloved husband to Joy, much loved dad of Ray, David and Cathie. Cherished Grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchild.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tom is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 20th March at 10.15am at St Helen's RC Church, Barry, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Tom's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk. All donations received to support Bone Cancer Research Trust in memory of Tom.

Acknowledgements

LUPTON
Harold (Al)

Marian Lupton (Kim) and family would like to thank Lyndsay Ellis and all the staff at The Vale Funeral Service, and Ceri-Lou Newman, Civil Celebrant, for all their help and support with the funeral arrangements for Harold Lupton who died peacefully at home on Monday, 18th February.

Harold's beautiful service took place at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery Chapel, followed by a natural burial in the meadow at The Cardiff & Vale Natural Burial Ground. Both Lyndsay and Ceri-Lou provided an extremely professional but very caring and personal service. The whole process was faultless and meant we as the family were able to focus on celebrating Harold's life rather than the pain of his death. Thank you.

JONES
Mary Florence (Molly)

Suddenly on 7th March at Island View Care Home, Molly (late of Neale Street). Much loved mum of Lyn and Gail and son-in-law Ian. Loving grandmother, great grandmother, sister and sister-in-law.

She will be so missed.

Molly is in the care of Park Funeral Directors until her cremation on Monday, 25th March at 12 noon at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Brain Tumour Society.

CHARLES
Steven John

Peacefully at home on Sunday, 3rd March 2019. Charlie, loving father of four, much loved Bampi.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 25th March, service 12.45pm at St Athan Church, followed by cremation 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

HILBERG
Shirley

Rodney and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy, attendance at Shirley's funeral service, floral tributes and donations

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Deborah (née Last)
20th March

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Love always, Mum, Dad & Josh xxx

Birthday Memories
KELLS
Debbie
20th March

I never ask for miracles, but today just one would do.
To see my front door open and my dearest wife walk through.

Love Jimmy x

Birthday Memories
KELLS
Debbie
20th March

Mum – to hear your voice, to see you smile,
to sit and talk to you a while, to be together
in the same old way,
would be our dearest wish today.

Love Charlotte and Sean xx

Birthday Memories
KELLS
Debbie
20th March

You always had a smile to share,
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Vale horse comes third in Cheltenham classic

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams was delighted to say the least when his Silver Streak, the rank outsider at 80-1, finished third behind the Irish-trained Espoir D'Allen and Melon in Tuesday's classic Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Silver Streak, the only grey in the 10-runner field and who had been runner-up in his previous three races was partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, who said: "He tried all the way through and I thought we would get second.''

The winner won by 15 lengths but there was only a neck between the second and third.

Williams, a former national champion point-to-point rider, told the press: "I'm over the moon. At one point I'd have been happy if he'd won a couple of little handicaps and he's ended up finishing third in the Champion Hurdle."

"I'm delighted, surprised and shocked," he added. "I can't believe it. The only thing I've got right with this horse is that he needed a genuine pace to come off. Nobody wants to see a horse in the wrong race. His performance has shown he was in the right race and it will be easier with him now we know he's good enough.''

Less than half-an-hour after Silver Streak's race, his stable companion Annie Bonny ran out a 13 lengths winner of the novices' handicap hurdle at Sedgefield under Mitchell Bastyan.

Silver Streak's third place earned his owner £47,745 and for winning at Sedgefield Annie Bonny's winning connections received £4,094.

Brian Lee

Lily needs your votes!

A father is appealing for votes for his daughter to become a brand ambassador for an ice skating company.

Luke Walding, general manager of The Brecon & Radnor Express in Brecon, said his daughter Lily is one of 16 finalists who are in with the chance of becoming a Two Birds, which is an ice skating shop, ambassador.

The seven-year-old ice skater, from Cwmbran, puts in over 20 hours of practice a week in Cardiff and travels across the country for competitions.

Luke said: "Through the hard work and dedication from training 20-plus hours a week she deserves everybody to vote for her – she's only seven and she puts all that effort in. I am very proud, she's an amazing ice skater and an amazing person."

Two ice skaters will be chosen to become brand ambassadors following the competition – one from the under-12 category and another from the over-12 category.

The proud father-of-two said: "When I watch Lily compete, for those two to four minutes on the ice, its like the whole world disappears and its just her.

"The way she performs to the music completely captivates my attention, a feeling of being almost hypnotised by how amazing she is.

"Her dedication and passion for ice skating is second to none and I honestly believe she has the ability to become something special."

To vote for Lily, go to the Two Birds website and watch her personal video before filling in the form. Only one vote is allowed per email address.

Voting will close on Friday, March 15 at 6pm and the winners will be announced live on the Two Birds London Facebook page.

AB

Lady golfers enjoy St David's Day

First team Leeks.

First team Daffodils

ON February 28, a very wet day, following several warm and sunny days, the Ladies of Cottrell Park Golf Club played a St David's Day competition, a nine hole Stableford with best two out of three scores to count.

They divided into two teams: the Leeks versus the Daffodils, the Leeks winning with the highest total score. There were prizes for the best group of three in each team: the Leeks, Nan Thomas, Patricia Haines and Helen Ruttley with 34 points, and the Daffodils, Patricia Davies, Rusty Fone and Regina Drew with 33 points. Lorraine Pointon-Bell presented the prizes, her last official duty as Ladies' captain.

All the players were thoroughly soaked on their return but spirits remained high as they enjoyed coffee and welsh cakes.

CB

Barry Town United represented in 'C' international match

WHILE Ryan Giggs prepares the national team for the start of a new qualifying campaign next week, no fewer than five Barry Town United players will be on international duty in Giggs' home city, as the Wales C squad reconvenes for another crack at their English counterparts.

Kayne McLaggon, Jordan Cotterill, Robbie Patten, Clayton Green, and Chris Hugh will travel to link up with Mark Jones and Owain Tudor Jones' training camp in Manchester, immediately following Barry's re-arranged JD Welsh Premier League meeting between Barry and Bala.

The ensuing C international between England and Wales, the second in as many seasons, will be played at the new-look Peninsula Stadium, home of National League promotion hopefuls Salford City, the club part-owned by Giggs and a host of former Manchester United teammates.

One year ago, the C Lions roared to success in a 3-2 thriller in Barry, with Fejiri Okenabirhie catching the eye with a match-winning hat-trick.

With five inclusions in Jones' 21-man squad, Barry are the most represented club side from either of the nations.

S4C will be streaming the full 90 minutes via the Sgorio Facebook page, with kick-off at 7.45pm.

AC

North Cornelly man joins British team

NORTH Cornelly's Paul Davies will be a member of the British para table tennis team competing in the Lignano Masters Open in Italy from March 14-16.

Davies, at 52 the oldest member of the 16-strong British team, will compete in the men's class one category.

Ranked sixth in the world, he is an experienced competitor and was a medallist at the 2012 Paralympics in London.

He was paralysed in a motorbike accident in 1986 and later took up table tennis.

The Lignano tournament marks the start of the sport's qualification period for the Tokyo Paralympics in 2020, and Davies will be looking to make an early impression.

Report by Michael Prosser

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Space Finders 315 (R Whyman 35), Cigar Ladies 354 (J Bryne 35); Family & Friends 231 (A Baker 25), Allsorts 226 (L Thomas & J Jones 23); Barry Stars 231 (C Lambeth), Pila Pala 240 (M Staniforth 24); Special Angels 234 (C Thomas 32), La Bells 218 (E Cordy 26); Cadoxton Con Fillies 236 (A Beatie 28), Coppers 259 (S Curtis 29).

Division 2:

Airways Angels 228 (A Sales 25), Bobby's Girls 237 (L Evans & J Barnett 26); Witchill Weebies 342 (N Hillburg 34), Breakaways 296 (V Martin 32); Red Admiral 243 (S Clements 25), Roller Coasters 228 (S Thomas 26); Challengers 253 (H Velda 28), Colcot Ladies 225 (D Mansbridge & M Snelling 25); Rhoose Starlights 247 (L Field 28), Rugby Triers 243 (K Brooke 26).

Division 3:

Merry Makers 224 (E. Page 24), Dolly Mixtures 212 (E. Bryan 22); Off The Rails 238 (S. Crump & L. McCormack 25), Sea View Ladies 229 (F. Butler 29); Witchill Widows 281 (M. Curry 29), Little Devils 283 (J.H. Jones 34); Hillbillies 271 (T. Carney & J. Lambeth 34), Witches 314 (V. Walters 33); Westenders 254 (M. Condon 31), Etcetera 272 (S. Dyke 27).

Division 4:

Bimbos 226 (C. Cockram & L. Hobbs 22), Socialites 198; Rebels 184 (L. Spurr 22), Nite Outers 211 (G. Baker 26); Odd Bods 224 (T. Perry 25), Boozy Birds 244 (S. Vater & J. Lardner 25).

HB

Barry Beavers hold AGM

ON February 7 Barry Beavers had their AGM at the Civic Offices, Barry.

They discussed events such as PiP (Party In the Park) 3, the summer trip and the Christmas party.

On February 9, both Nadine and Nicholas, along with Nadia and Jen Thomson were issued with their instructors' shirts to wear in the pool during club sessions, and for the Halliwick training course later that month.

These four members went on to do the Foundation phase course, which others from clubs across Wales and abroad also attended. They had an assessor to run the four-day course at Barry Leisure Centre.

They all completed it and were presented with their certificates by the assessor (Ann Gresswell). They all will look into doing the advanced course later this year, which will run at Barry Leisure Centre again.

NC

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for March 11 are as follows.

First, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 68.16 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 61.72 per cent; third, Trish Roe and Anne Hughes, 59.77 per cent.

LE

Old Hall Bridge Club news

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club on March 6 are as follows.

First, Glenda Roberts and Colin Lewis; second, Cathy and James Mangles.

TP

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

VALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Christian Williams both saddled winners on Monday, March 4.

Vaughan's *Glimpse Of Gold*, partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, landed the Selling Handicap Hurdle at Southwell finishing eight lengths ahead of *Kilcaragh Boy;* and Williams' *Fifty Shades*, at six the youngest horse in the three miles handicap chase, got home by half-a-length from the top-weighted *Sackett*.

Williams' *Uno Mas* failed to make it a four-timer when finishing half-a-length behind the top-weighted **Canyon City** in the Fakenham £10,00 handicap hurdle.

TUESDAY SUCCESS FOR WELSH JOCKEYS

WELSH jockeys Connor Brace, Lorcan Williams and Sean Bowen all rode winners at Exeter on March 5.

Brace, whose grandfather David Brace OBE runs the Dunraven Stud at Pyle, took the opening handicap hurdle on the Phillip Hobbs-trained *Smarty Wild*.

Williams – no relation to Evan Williams – was later successful on the top-weighted *Truckers Lodge* trained by Paul Nicholls, and later again in the afternoon Pembrokeshire's Sean Bowen won on *Billy Broncho* for Llancarfan's Evan Williams.

Evan's daughter Isabel, riding her father's 33-1 chance *Firebird Flyer* was beaten just three quarters of a length by *Jai Froid*.

Over at Newcastle, trainer Tim Vaughan's 301 mile journey from Aberthin proved worthwhile as his stable jockey Alan Johns took the opening novices' handicap hurdle on *Oriental Cross*, who was returned at odds of 5-1.

ANOTHER WINNER FOR CONNOR

CONNOR Brace, who hails from the Vale, chalked-up another winner when riding former leading National Hunt jockey Sam Thomas' six-year-old *IWillDoIt* to an eight lengths win over *Same Circus* in the Cheltenham Festival On Racing TV Handicap Hurdle at Catterick, on March 6.

Thomas trains at Lisvane in Cardiff and *IWillDoIt* was returned the 11/8 favourite.

Less than 24 hours after riding I*WillDoIt* to victory in the 4.20 at Catterick on Wednesday, Porthcawl Connor Brace was back in the winners' enclosure at Carlisle after he had won the opening 2.20 race the Conditionals And Amateurs Hurdle on the Venitia Williams-trained *Jurys Out*.

Jurys Out, the 2-1 favourite, won by four lengths from *Strike West*.

TIM'S SANDOWN WINNER

ABERTHIN trainer Tim Vaughan saw his *Le Milos* land the opening Get Switched On With Matchbook Juvenile Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park last Saturday.

Well ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, *Le Milos*, a 20-1 outsider came home four lengths ahead of the favourite *The Knot Is Tied* which, ridden by Bryony Frost, was finishing in the runner-up spot for the third time in a row.

Another Welsh rider to ride a winner at Sandown was Sean Bowen who won the Open National Hunt Flat race on 5-1 chance *Misty Whisky* for Henry Fry.

Llancarfan's Evan Wiilliams was successful at Hereford with his five-year-old *Esprit Du Large* which, ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge, took the MansionBet Novices' Hurdle by 10 lengths from the odds-on *Newtown Boy*.

In the afternoon, Bargoed's David Probert won the SunRacing.Co.UK Lincoln Trail Handicap at Wolverhampton on the Andrew Balding-trained *Zwayan*, a 7-1 chance, and in the evening at Kempton Park he scored on 11-4 favourite *Nylon Speed* for Alan King.

BRECON & TALYBONT HUNT STEEPLECHASES

OWNERS, riders and trainers from the Vale will be heading to Llanfrynach on Sunday for the Brecon & Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases and Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft will be hoping to ride a few more winners in his bold bid to win the Welsh Riders' Championship.

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor will also be hoping he can come away with a winner of two in his bid to land the national novice riders' title. The first race is at 1pm.

A DOZEN UP FOR BYRON

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft chalked-up his 12th winner of the season when landing the restricted race on Sarah McQueen's *Havent Time* at the Flint & Denbigh Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on Sunday.

Welsh champion rider Bradley Gibbs riding Jane Price's *Terrierman* took division two of the open maiden on Terrierman.

CONNOR AGAIN!

FERGAL O'Brien's seven pound-claiming jockey Connor Brace from the Vale will soon be losing his allowance if he carries on the way he has been – he's ridden six winners since the end of last month.

His latest was on March 11, when he won the opening Juvenile Hurdle on 14-1 outsider *Phoenican Star* for O'Brien, who trains in the Cotswolds.

Later in the afternoon Tim Vaughan's *Hazm*, a 10-1 chance, won the Maiden Open Flat Race under Richard Patrick who is no stranger to Wales.

Penllyn Bridge Club latest

PENLLYN Bridge Club results for February are as follows:

February 7, 20 pairs Robert Brown Cup competition: first David and Marion Stephenson 57.07; second Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 56.82 per cent; third Chris Impey and Ann Birt 56.57 per cent.

February 14, 20 pairs: first John Lord and Jo Ilsley 68.69; second Ireen and Richard Daniels 61.36; third David and Marion Stephenson 60.61.

February 21, 22 pairs: first Allan Evans and Norma Barber 61.14; second Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook 59.77; third Eric and Anne Sparks 58.18.

February 28, 15 pairs Robert Brown Cup competition: first Eric and Anne Sparks 62.5; second Norma Barber and Dot Williams 61.25; third Helen and Mike Ruttley 59.17.

CN

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

DESPITE a few games falling foul of the weather, an entertaining Saturday was had in the VOGAFL.

Barry Athletic now just need one more win to retain their Premier Division crown, but they were made to work for the points away to St Athan, as they came from behind to grab a last-minute winner.

Coree Roberts' delightful lob put St Athan ahead but Teejay Caton notched a fine double to ensure Athletic remain on course for the title.

In Division One just the one game survived as Cadoxton Imps' promotion chase suffered a bump in the road as they were held to a thrilling 3-3 draw by Cwm Talwg.

Imps now sit three points off second-placed Tynewydd with a game in hand and a slightly better goal difference, plus the two sides clash at the end of the month in what should be a huge game for both clubs.

In Division Two, leaders AFC Rhoose B avenged last week's cup thumping to defeat Penarth Town B 4-2. The result sees Rhoose move three points ahead of St Athan B who were held 1-1 away to Vale Madrid, although Rhoose have played two games less.

Barry Vikings' game was postponed and they are now in third, four points off top with a game in hand.

The title race in Division Two looks set to go right to the wire with some interesting and exciting twists and turns to come in the next few weeks.

Finally, Barry Athletic B returned to winning ways as they survived a late Island Marine B fight-back to win the Barry Island derby 3-2.

HD

Stableford action for golfers

DESPITE a forecast of heavy rain from midday, St Mary's Golf Club's senior section turned out in force for a popular Two Division Stableford competition.

The golfers were thankful that the promised rain held off, and everyone completed the full course of 18 holes.

Division One for handicaps up to 21 was headed by old campaigner Roy Denton with a score of 37 points, one ahead of Graham Jones. Wayne Newton completed the placings on 35 points.

Phil Banks claimed the Division Two victory with a fine 39 points. Section captain Dave Hughes secured second spot on 37 points with former paramedic Trevor Evans just one behind on 36.

Two days later, in strong blustery winds with yet more rain forecast, 15 members of the section teed off in a team Texas Scramble played over 10 holes.

Sub-par scores are to be expected in the Texas Scramble format and the five teams did not disappoint. At the end of play, two teams shared the win on a score of 26, 11 strokes under the par of 37 for the 10 holes played.

Phil Banks' continued good form helped fellow team members Bryant Thomas and Gareth Jones to bag one of the winning spots, while the smoking hot putter of Eddie Fothergill proved to be a telling factor in supporting section chairman and Norman Lloyd in claiming the other.

NL

Vale Bridge Club results

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for March 4 are:

First, Tony Disley and Phil Felman, 72.50 per cent; second, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox, 69.79 per cent; third equal, Stella Miller and Emer Disley; Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 56.46 per cent.

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15 65 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty until Jan 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 27k, choice **£12995**

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Honours are even as Llantwit Major AFC's good streak continues!

LLANTWIT Major AFC travelled to Cambrian & Clydach Vale who were lying in third position in the league table, aiming to continue their fine run which has seen them suffer only one defeat in their last eight league games.

In blustery but dry conditions, Llantwit played against the wind in the first half. The sides were evenly matched in the opening exchanges and in the 20th minute, Llantwit created their first goalscoring opportunity when, from a free kick into their opponents' goal area, defender Sean Williams headed the ball back across the six-yard box to striker Max Morgan, whose shot was pushed away by the Cambrian keeper.

In the resultant scramble the ball was eventually cleared away by a Cambrian defender. Within a minute Cambrian took the lead when a well-worked corner move resulted in a shot that Llantwit keeper Jack Lansdown partly saved, but the rebound was headed home by the Cambrian striker from a yard out.

Llantwit tried to respond but did not really create any further chances for the remainder of the half, but they were indebted to defender Kristian Evans who prevented a second Cambrian goal when he had to head the ball away off the goal line just before the half-time whistle blew.

With the wind behind them in the second half, it was a different Llantwit team who grew in confidence and started to put Cambrian under pressure.

Four minutes into the half, left wing Rob Jones had an opportunity to score from around 12 yards out, but his shot was straight at the keeper. In the 73rd minute, Llantwit were unlucky not to equalise when striker Anthony Rawlings broke through on the right hand side of the goal area and his shot from around 15 yards out brought a fine save from the Cambrian keeper.

Further Llantwit pressure finally paid dividends in the 77th minute when a corner taken by left back Connor Goldsworthy allowed centre half Sean Williams to outjump his marker at the far post to head home powerfully from around four yards out for a fine goal.

Three minutes later, from another corner, Sean was unlucky not to score a second when this time he produced a left footed volley from around eight yards out that just went over the crossbar. Llantwit tried to get the winner but it was not to be, and the game ended in a draw.

Llantwit will be pleased to obtain another point away from home against one of the top teams in the league. In this draw Llantwit has suffered just one defeat in their last nine league games and on their day Llantwit are more than capable of competing at this level of football in their first season in Division 1 of the Welsh League.

Llantwit's next *League game will be away to Goytre on Saturday, March 16 with a 2.30pm kick off.*

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jamie Miller, Kristian Evans, Sean Williams, Connor Goldsworthy, Lewis Brown (Nathan Jones 49), Mike Hartley (Lee Jones 85), Jonathan Butler (c), Rob Jones, Max Morgan (Josh Jones 56), Anthony Rawlings. Substitutes not used: Kyran Gardner, Nathan Renfree.

Sean Williams heads home for Llantwit Major AFC's equaliser.

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On March 6: First, Geoff Tinkler and John Henson; second, Dave Lea and Graham Norris; third, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

On March 7: First, Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnet; equal third, Marjorie Morris and Wendy Hewitt-Sayer, and Christine and John Evans.

On March 8: Equal first, Peter Bugden and Linda Jenkins, and Mari Jones and Teresa Griffiths; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Mari Jones and Teresa Griffiths.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Before the Thursday afternoon session at 1pm, John Evans will give a talk on defeating the opponents' contract.

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Athletic under-16 players selected for Ospreys squad

FIVE of the Bridgend Athletic under-16 side that reached the final of the Ospreys under-16 Cup by defeating Bryncoch 19-12 last Sunday have been selected for a combined under-16 Ospreys squad.

They are front row forwards props Xander Molitika and John Coates and hooker Ryan Neagle. Scrum half Callum Reed and centre Tom Florence represent the back division.

These boys, along with other under-16 players, have played for a West Ospreys under-16s team this season and following an East v West Ospreys under-16s trial match, gained selection for the full combined squad.

It is a testament to the development of the side from under-8 level over nine years under the directorship of coaches Chris Thomas, Jonathon Davies and manager Huw Lewis that so many Athletic players have risen to the cream as Ospreys players.

With the same set up currently coaching the Athletic youth there is a natural progression under the same leadership for the under-16 team.

Hopefully the future youth side can replicate recent and past achievements of BARFC youth teams and provide a pathway to continued senior team success.

With strong age group teams following behind there is great optimism within the club for future age group, youth and senior rugby.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club

THE Porthcawl Bridge Club recently held its annual men's and ladies' pairs competitions for the Cornish and Gaskell cups.

Congratulations to Rob and John who triumphed in the men's pairs, and to Eleanor and Dian who won the Ladies' Pairs.

The club also held a heat of the WBU St David's day simultaneous pairs, in which clubs throughout Wales play the same pre-dealt hands.

Latest results from the club are:

February 23: First – Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second – Dave Nicklin and Roger Draper.

February 28 WBU Simultaneous Pairs: First – Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second – Tony Haworth - Keith Davison.

February 2: First – Trish Saunders and Janet Richards; second- Dave and Debbie Lea.

February 7 Men's Pairs: First – Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second – Tony Haworth and Gary Williams; Ladies' Pairs: First - Eleanor Jones and Dian Jones; second – Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre Thursdays at 6.45pm – 9.45pm; Saturdays at 3.15pm - 6.15 pm, visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-7s welcomed Tondu.

With Tondu bringing 20 players and Bridgend Athletic 22, three pitches were set up with both clubs fielding three teams. It was great seeing all the players enjoying plenty of game time.

The under-8s played Penallta and Brecon in a round-robin.

The Ath had just 10 players, and there were three 20-minute matches in total. The team played extremely well and competed against two well drilled Penallta teams.

The last match was a try fest with the Ath running in 12 tries. Thanks go to Penallta RFC for the friendly welcome.

Results: Penallta Yellows 6, Bridgend Athletic 2 (Coles, Mannion); Penallta Blues 5, Bridgend Athletic 5 (Tune 2, Phillips, Jones, Mannion); Brecon 3, Bridgend Athletic 12 (Mannion 3, Jones 3, Tune 3, Coles, Edwards, Lewis).

The under-9s played Nantyffyllon, and due to having such a large squad were able to field a second team to face Pencoed who were in search of a fixture.

The Golds played three 10-minute periods against Nantyffyllon and showed some promising rugby. Bridgend scored two tries through Rhys Gardiner and Ewan Gill, but it wasn't enough as Nantyffyllon ran out comfortable winners. Rhys Gardiner and Osian Lord stood out in the Athletic defence.

The Greens were also scheduled for three 10-minute periods against Pencoed. Try scorers were Dylan Jones (2), Grayson Lewis Whelan and Oliver Turvey.

Next up for the under-9s is a Friday evening trip to Tonna then a home game against Maesteg Celtic on Sunday, March 17.

The under-11s travelled away to Loughor to face a very strong team.

Loughor raced into an early lead but hard work paid off and a well-worked lineout led to the Ath crashing over for their first try to make the half-time score 21-7 to Loughor.

The second half started well for the Ath and they were back in the game with a well-worked try from the backs. The Ath clawed their way back to within a score, but unfortunately, time was against them and Loughor won 42-35. Well done all.

The under-12s travelled to Old Penarthians buoyed by the return of some key players from injury.

In the first 10 minutes the Ath forwards completely dominated their opponents, allowing centre Luke Humphries to score the first points of the match with a deft pick up and run over the try line.

Lucas Kenny scored the Ath's second try just minutes later and the Ath pulled further ahead before half-time with two further converted tries through centre Jo Bruckel and Ioan Hammond.

In the second half Will Jones broke away and scored the Ath's fifth try but the final quarter fizzled out with Old Penarthians scoring a consolation try in the closing minutes. Final score: Old Penarthians 7, Bridgend Athletic 31.

The under-13s hosted Llantwit Fardre.

The Ath opened the scoring through Rhys Hockings, Charlie Rees converting to give his side a 7-0 half-time lead.

Rhys' second try, again converted by Charlie Rees, doubled the lead at 14-0. A Llantwit prop crashed over from close range to make the final score 14-5 in favour of the Athletic.

This coming Sunday we welcome Pontypridd to Newbridge Fields for another tough encounter.

The under-15s welcomed Llangennech to Newbridge Fields.

The under-16s in action.

The Ath got off to a great start with a try out wide for Tom Clarke. Moments later play was stopped due to a neck injury to Ath player Will Fyfe and the Emergency Services were called.

The game was changed to another pitch and the Ath struck again with tries from Lochlan Baron, Luke Florence, Will Laverick, Evan Beach and another by Tom Clarke.

Although all tries were scored out wide credit must go to the Ath pack for providing a great platform. The final score was Bridgend Athletic 32, Llangennech 0.

All Ath coaches, players and supporters wish Will a speedy recovery from his concussion.

The under-16s travelled to Bryncoch for the semi-final of the Ospreys under-16 Cup with high hopes.

Five minutes into the game Bryncoch were reduced to 14 players after the referee sent off their flanker for a punching offence.

However, the Ath could not capitalise throughout a very untidy first half, with Callum Reed pulling off a remarkable number of tackles time and again.

Just before half-time a great break through midfield by Tom Florence saw a ruck form inside the 22; quick hands then let wing Tom Davies fly over in the corner for a try magnificently converted by Euan Rees to give his side a 7-0 half-time advantage.

Man of the match Fynn Mordecai then drove over for a well-deserved score, the conversion narrowly missed.

Bryncoch responded with two tries in 10 minutes to level the scores at 12-12.

Dogged determination and effort saw the Ath drag themselves back into the game. Great runs by forwards and backs saw the Ath gain a foothold in the Bryncoch 22, and a fumble by Bryncoch saw the Ath awarded a scrum 15 metres out.

Number 8 Michael Gillette picked up and smashed his way through numerous defenders to score the winning try, which was converted brilliantly by Euan Rees to make the final score 19-12.

A magnificent win for a fantastic bunch of players who thoroughly deserve a great day out at Llandarcy on April 28 to play in the Ospreys under-16 cup final against Gowerton.

The Athletic coaches and manager – Chris Thomas, Jonathan Davies and Huw Lewis – could not be happier and prouder, and all the squad are looking forward to finals day.

A fitting finale to their mini and junior development over the past nine seasons, and ahead of their progression with the same coaches to youth rugby next season. Well done boys – a fantastic squad of players and parents!

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The Grand Slam is still on but Gatland's Welsh comeback kings get a taste of their own medicine!

Man of the match Hadleigh Parkes kicks ahead for Wales.
Match report by Philip Irwin.
All photographs by the Huw Evans Agency.

Ross Moriarty made several powerful charges in the first half, but after the break it was Wales' defence that was tested.

AFTER this baffling match in Murrayfield, Wales remain on course to go for the Grand Slam next Saturday in the Principality Stadium against Ireland, but it was not a comfortable watch.

In the opening Six Nations game, Wales started slowly against France, but stormed back in the second half to win – and then they did the same against England, so after an excellent first 40 minutes, when the Welsh side got on top and varied their play intelligently, they went into the break in complete control against a Scotland side that was ravaged by injuries.

However, with the benefit of hindsight, there was a unlikely echo of the English encounter just before half time.

England, remember, were leading 10–3 when Jonny May chased down Liam Williams and forced him into touch five metres out. It was the final play of the first half, and an England score could have put the games out of Wales' reach, but great defence held the English line-out drive, and Wales were able to regroup during the break.

Yesterday, two minutes before half time, and with Wales leading 15–6, Gareth Anscombe sent a superb penalty from a narrow angle spiralling perfectly to find touch just five metres out. A try could have taken the score to 20–6, or even 22–6, but Scotland held the line-out drive.

They did, however, concede a penalty, but Anscombe hit the post. Even then, Hadleigh Parkes claimed the rebound and Wales recycled the ball and sent it out to the in-form Josh Adams, who fancied his chances against substitute Adam Hastings, but the Scot made a great tackle.

Now, it was Scotland's turn to regroup during the interval and they made a startling resurgence.

They had started the match with two of their first-choice back three (Stuart Hogg and Sean Maitland) out injured.

Before 30 minutes had passed, two more (Tommy Seymour and Blair Kinghorn) had departed and a fifth attacking threat, the twinkle-toed Darcy Graham, lasted only until the 64th minute before needing repairs.

Wales coach Warren Gatland hinted that, perhaps, a touch of complacency set in among the Welsh side during the break, while captain Alun Wyn Jones simply said that Wales could not get hold of the ball in the second half.

Certainly, the Scots produced a supercharged but mistake-ridden second half where they let scoring chances slip on several occasions.

However, they managed to retain possession after many of their mistakes, with fumbles going backwards and misplaced passes being tidied up by a navy blue jersey rather than a red.

On top of that, the penalty count moved heavily against Wales, so much so that, with 10 minutes remaining, referee Pascal Gauzere gave Alun Wyn Jones the "next one is in the bin" talk.

After the game, Scotland coach Gregor Townsend made it clear that he felt that talk should have been made 10 to 15 minutes earlier.

Wales paid a price for Scotland's resurgence too, as Liam Williams, who had been having an outstanding game, went off injured. One Aussie Rules-style catch, taking the ball high above his head, will live long in the memory. It looked like a damaged collar bone but, at the time of writing, is being described as a 'stinger' which gives him hope of playing next Saturday.

His injury was linked to the one occasion that Wales' rush defence was out-flanked. They say that a long pass can do this, and in this case that pass fell into the hands of Allan Dell. The Scottish prop looked a touch nonplussed at first, looking for a quicker man to pass to, but realising that there was no one near, he showed a clean pair of heels to Alun Wyn Jones and had worked up a real head of steam when Liam Williams was forced to throw himself into the path of the truck.

On the injury front, Wales seem to have survived this game, although Hadleigh Parkes and Adam Beard looked as if they had gone 15 rounds with Anthony Joshua.

It had all seemed so smooth in the first half. Scotland did score first after 10 minutes with a Finn Russell penalty after Josh Navidi was ruled offside, but within five minutes Wales were ahead.

Quick hands out right meant Wales made ground and then, when the ball was moved left, centre Jonathan Davies drew his man and passed to Josh Adams. The left wing was short of room to work with, but skinned the Scots full back, Kinghorn, and crossed in the corner before running round to touch down behind the posts. It was a really sharp finish, although the re-runs suggested that the pass to him was slightly forward. Anscombe converted.

Scotland came back and Darcy Graham, who has more than a touch of Shane Williams about him, beat defenders with barely any room. One suspects he wears bright yellow boots to highlight his dazzling footwork!

The attack broke down but Scotland were awarded a penalty that reduced the margin to just one point.

However, four minutes later Anscombe restored Wales' lead, splitting the posts from 42 metres.

On the 25-minute mark, Wales made it 15–6. They put George North at the front of the line out, and the wing made ground, before a series of pick and goes sucked in the defence. When the ball was moved wide, centre Jonathan Davies was spoiled for choice. He could have put Adams in for a second, but a gap opened up and he scored himself. It was as clinical a move as Wales have put together all year.

It carried on going Wales' way. By now, Seymour and Kinghorn had left the field, and Ross Moriarty was enjoying himself, catching the Scottish restarts and crashing through tackles. The Murrayfield crowd was quiet.

There was the aforementioned chance to increase the lead, but all was fine and dandy as Wales left the field for the half time team talk.

It all changed in the second half, with Scotland attacking furiously. Hamish Watson, returning from injury and short of match fitness, was like a man possessed when he came on, bouncing off would-be tacklers and making yards every time he had the ball.

He epitomised the Scottish fightback, burning with frustration and anger at the way things had gone in the first half.

Liam Williams picked up his injury 10 minutes into the half, and Dan Biggar replaced him,

The Scots had a lucky break when Hadleigh Parkes was harshly penalised for a high tackle. Finn Russell kicked for the corner after that penalty, and Wales held the line-out drive, but had to react quickly when Grant Gilchrist forced his way over – turning the second row onto his back and stopping him grounding the ball.

Wales were rattled. Biggar had a chance to put in a relieving penalty kick, but slipped and his miscue made just 10 yards. To make matters worse, Wales were failing to win their own line-outs, so the pressure came back on them.

Soon after, George North fell foul of M. Gauzere, being penalised for a choke tackle, even though he had his hand firmly on the ball as he contested possession with Ali Price.

This time, the Scots worked a sharp backs move, with Finn Russell giving an inside pass to Byron McGuigan, who put Darcy Graham clear for his first international try. Russell's pass appeared to be forward, but Wales could hardly complain after a similar call in the first half.

The try went unconverted, but it was now 15–11. At a ruck, Gareth Davies shouted at the referee, demanding a penalty. There's too much of this these days, and he was rewarded by seeing the penalty go against Wales!

There was a chance for Wales to restore their lead when Adams kicked ahead after a loose Scottish pass. Jonathan Davies continued the attack, and a score seemed likely, but Wales' first half coolness had gone missing and the chance went begging.

ABOVE:
Blair Kinghorn can only watch as Josh Adams crosses for Wales' first try.

The next 12 minutes were agony for Welsh spectators. Scotland were camped in the 22, and a series of penalties were kicked into the corner to keep Wales on the rack.They did, however, keep all 15 on the pitch and this made a difference. Young Aaron Wainwright came on with fresh legs and Wales demolished a planned Scottish line out drive, pushing them back 10 metres and earning a much-needed penalty,

Fortunately for Wales, Scotland continued to make errors. One 15-phase attack ended with the Scots 30 yards further away from the Welsh line than when they started.

Before the match was over, Wales had one more lucky break. Price chased a kick ahead and, failing to notice that the bounce had beaten Gareth Anscombe, tackled him regardless. It meant that Wales had a relieving penalty kick and, from the next phase of play, they had a kickable penalty, which Anscombe slotted to make it 18-11.

The match finished soon after, and the camera turned to Warren Gatland in the stands.

The Welsh head coach seemed a little underwhelmed by the victory!

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